

What's Happening at Wiggins

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." Coretta Scott King



A Veterans Day THANK YOU to our Wiggins veterans!

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

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A message from the President

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and would like to wish you all a very Happy Holidays. The next few months are very important and busy months for the Board. In December we will approve the 2024 budget and work with our accounting team to ensure a smooth implementation of the new budget in 2024. Also in early December, the first notice for the Annual Meeting and Board Election will be delivered along with forms for interested candidates. The new year will bring townhalls to discuss the new condominium documents and an opportunity to meet candidates for the Board. In early February the Annual Meeting will be held and that will officially wrap up the work of the 2023 Board.



November Landscaping Update from Lynn Radicello and Don Rodner

With the addition of fresh water for irrigation, planting along Gulf Harbor and the front entry has begun. Next, Blue will provide design proposals and estimated costs with these priority areas:

Mechanicals (AC units, dumpster enclosures, utility shutoffs); fencing along Gulf Harbor and Pan Am; trees; fronts of buildings; side and rear of all buildings. The next step will be to share design proposals with the community for feedback. Once final designs are selected, costs and funding can be determined. The target date for final design selection is mid-February for all priority areas.



Planting has begun!

Trees have arrived



Planting at the entrance



Budget Information from the November Board meeting

At the meeting on November 15, our Board of Directors reviewed the most recent draft of the 2024 budget. Board Members present were President Jeff Bregar, Treasurer Dave Lyle, and Secretary Gary Doyle. On the phone were Vice President Mark Muesing, Julianna Boiniceanu, and Mike Wolfe. It was made clear by the Board that what was being presented at this meeting were budget worksheets; the budget has not yet been finalized. As required, all owners will be sent a copy of the final budget prior to the December meeting during which the budget is approved. Here are the important points made at that meeting:

There will be an increase in monthly fees because of four areas of impact:

1. **Utilities** – \$150,000 for potable water. We are now 100% hooked up to fresh water, and Blue has made some upgrades to our irrigation system to ensure that water is not wasted.
2. **Insurance** – increase of 28%, which was \$200,000. The insurance broker we contract with reached out to 14 insurance companies to explore coverage options. All but two declined to even provide a quote. Another initially indicated interested, but eventually declined. Our only option is to remain with the company we currently have. We are grandfathered in with them.
3. **Landscaping** – increase of \$45,000 which keeps us in line with 2023 budget. Costs were less in 2023 because we held some expenses due to Hurricane Ian. Replanting has begun.
4. **Reserves** – this is a dedicated pool of funds set aside to cover future expense related to the maintenance, repair, and replacement of shared elements within the complex.

The budget presentation provided a direct comparison between 2023 to 2024. In 2023, our operating expenses were \$1.25 million. In 2024, it is \$1.65 million. Our monthly HOA must provide the income to fund our operating expenses.

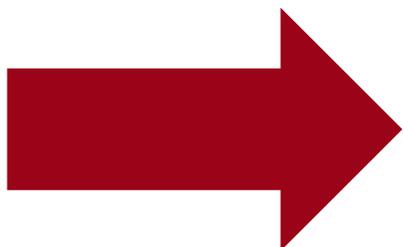
At this point the budget process, the monthly HOA fees will be:

P1: \$871

(Note, on page 4 we have listed every address in Wiggins so everyone knows whether they are in P1, P2, or the Lakes)

P2: \$992

Lakes: \$703



Upcoming Board meetings:

Wednesday, DECEMBER 13, 2023

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 7, 2024 (Annual Meeting)

Board meeting minutes/recordings are available here:

https://wlpnaples.com/secure/meeting_minutes.htm

The **THREE** condo associations in our community

During the November Board meeting, HOA fee increases were discussed. The monthly fees differ depending on your condo association within WLP. So that everyone is clear on which association they belong to, we are rerunning the list below. The condos (long buildings) are called The Lakes. Then, in the next stage of development, the coach homes were built in two phases, P1 and P2. This resulted in three different associations within our one community. Here are the designations:

Lakes: All Lakes buildings (the long buildings) have twelve units under one roof:

- 757 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 760 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 765 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 773 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 774 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 781 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 790 Wiggins Lake Drive
- TOTAL: 84 units**



Preserve 2: (P2) All Preserve buildings (the coach homes) have four units under one roof:

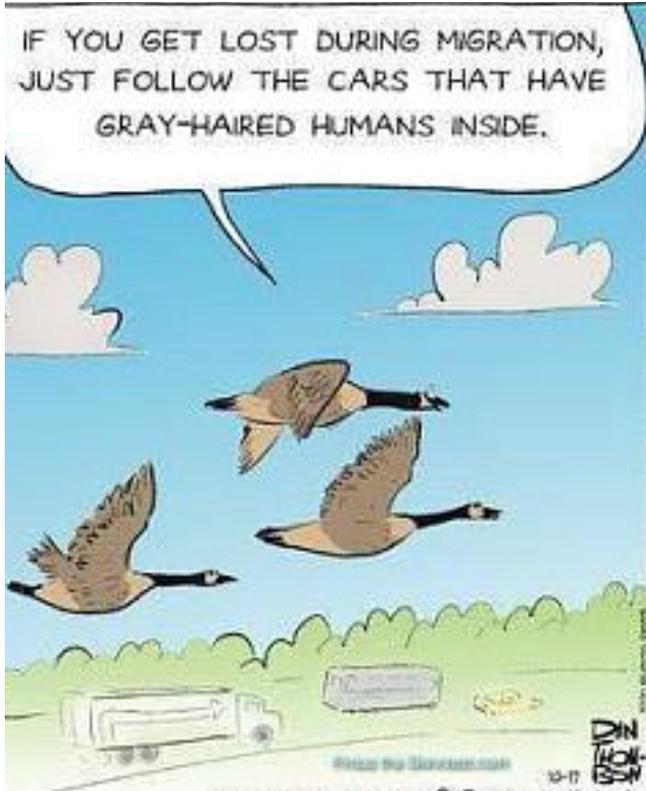
- 431 Wiggins Lake Court
- 434 Wiggins Lake Court
- 437 Wiggins Lake Court
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- 449 Wiggins Lake Court
- 661 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 665 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 668 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 671 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 675 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 679 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 680 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 683 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 684 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 687 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 688 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 691 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 729 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 733 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 736 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 737 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 741 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 768 Wiggins Lake Drive
- TOTAL: 96 units**

Preserve 1: (P1) All Preserve buildings (the coach homes) have four units under one roof:

- 651 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 654 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 657 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 660 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 743 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 744 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 747 Wiggins Lake Drive
- 752 Wiggins Lake Drive
- TOTAL: 32 units**



Being a GOOD NEIGHBOR in Wiggins



WELCOME NEW OWNERS AND SNOWBIRDS!

We are happy to welcome our snowbirds back, as well as our new owners. Many reached out to the Communication Committee with suggestions about our community rules that you'd like us to highlight.

Our community is at its best when everyone looks out for each other, and observes the Wiggins rules and regulations. And 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 available 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>

A few neighbors reached out to ask us to remind everyone to drive carefully when in Wiggins. With our glorious weather these days, many people walk their dogs, ride bikes, or take an evening stroll. So PLEASE drive carefully, remember our 15 mph speed limit, and observe the stop signs. Remember, we don't have sidewalks here. Our walkers and bikers always have the right of way.

Upcoming Elections for our Board of Directors:

In our November newsletter, we provided detailed information about the election process. Here are a few reminders:

- The election for the next Board of Directors will be at the Annual Meeting, **Feb. 7**
- For owners interested in running for the Board, the first notice for the Annual Meeting and Board Election will be delivered along with forms for interested candidates in early December.
- There are TWO openings for the Lakes; one for a full year term, the other is for a one year term (because of a resignation).
- There are TWO openings for the Preserves, both for two year terms.
- If there are more candidates than open positions we will host Candidates Nights so that voters can hear from the candidates.



Club and Activity Spotlight

Now that the season has returned, so have our activities! If you are new to the Wiggins community, check the Activities listing on the next two pages for all the days/times.



If you enjoy dominoes, a little gambling (only nickels and dimes), and lots of friends, you will definitely enjoy Mexican Train. The ladies get underway every Tuesday at 7 pm.

Book Club

Our Book Club, the Literary Ladies of Wiggins, had a spirited discussion of Mad Honey. It was great to be in-person, and thanks to Abigale Jones for leading the discussion. Our December meeting will shift back to zoom because so many will have headed north for the holidays. If you would like to participate and are not on our Book Club email list, send an email to sueszach@aol.com and we'll add you to the list.

- 10/19:** Horse by Geraldine Brooks - DONE!
- 11/16:** Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult - DONE!
- 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)



The Social Committee

The Social Committee can assist and help implement events in which residents are interested. The Committee has begun planning activities for the 2023-2024 calendar year including major holiday events. On December 1, the Social Committee organized a day of holiday festivities including Christmas decorating in the morning and an Ugly Sweater Chicken Dinner in the evening. We encourage new ideas and are excited to assist residents with event planning. Please feel free to contact Delia at 347-267-4710 with your ideas or suggestions.

TEXTEDLY IS COMING! The Communication Committee will soon roll out TEXTEDLY, a texting tool that will deliver important and emergency information happening at Wiggins Lakes and Preserve directly to your mobile phones. An email blast will be sent soon asking for names and cell numbers for all who want to be included. If you are not receiving emails from Wiggins Lakes & Preserve, go to the website wlpnaples.com. Then go to the Owners Section, scroll down and click on "Sign Up for Email Blasts." More information on TEXTEDLY will be coming soon!

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.



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

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 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

5th Ave South Christmas Farmers Market

Sat, Dec 9, 10 AM - 10 PM
<https://www.fifthavenuesouth.com>



EVENTS:

Cars on Fifth

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

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

ARTS and MUSIC FESTIVALS

Naples Fine Arts & Craft Shows

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

Naples Art In The Park

Sat, 10 - 4, Dec 2, 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

Dec 6, 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



Upcoming Events at Mercato

<https://experiencemercato.com>

Festivals of Speed Car Show

Sun, Dec 3, 11 AM - 3 PM

Music Under the Banyan

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

Mercato Nights Music Series

Thurs, Dec 7, 6:30-8:30 PM
Blues Artist Selwyn Birchwood
Thurs, Jan 4, 6 PM
Rolling Stones Tribute Band

Movies on the Lawn at Mercato

Third Tuesday of every month
Tues, Dec 19, 5:45 - 7:30 PM
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

THEATER and PERFORMANCES

Artis-Naples

<https://www.artisnaples.org>

Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall

<https://www.bbmannpah.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



The Theatre Zone

13275 Livingston Rd, Naples

Dec 15-17, Home for the Holidays

Jan 11-21, Bonnie & Clyde

Feb 8-10, Million Dollar Quartet

<https://www.theatre.zone>

HOLIDAY EVENTS



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/>

Joy to the World Holiday Concert

Sunday, Dec 10, 2-4 PM

Cambier Park, 755 8th Ave S

Tuba Christmas Holiday Music & Sing-a-Long

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

Snugden Plaza, 701 5th Ave South

<https://naples.gov.com>

Happy Holidays Cabaret

Saturday, Dec 16, 5 PM

Florida Rep Theatre

2268 Bay St., Fort Myers

www.floridarep.org

Christmas on Third - Tree Lighting & Snow Celebration

Every Thurs, 6 - 8 PM during month of Dec

<https://thirdstreetsouth.com>

Naples Botanical Gardens - Night Lights in the Garden

All dates now sold out!

A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play

Thursday Dec 7 & Friday Dec 8 7 PM

Saturday, Dec 9 & Sunday Dec 10, 2 PM and 7 PM

Arts Bonita, 10150 Bonita Beach Road

www.artcenterbonita.org



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>



It's a Wonderful Life (Live Radio Play)

Fri, Dec 8, 8 PM

Cambier Park

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

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>



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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:

Our next newsletter will be published in early January!