

What's Happening at Wiggins

"Alone, we can do so little. Together, we can do so much." Helen Keller



Wiggins honors our veterans with a patriotic display of flags for Memorial Day and the Fourth of July!

SUMMER IN WIGGINS

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Happy Summer! We miss all of our snowbirds. While most of you have headed north for the summer, Wiggins has seen lots of work going on. Buildings are being power washed and painted and more of the dead shrubs are being removed. Wiggins is BUSY!



Community Updates

A message from the President



I hope everyone is enjoying your Summer! Census in the community is at about 10% this time of year so it is very quiet. I would like to provide a brief update on work being done.

Irrigation: As discussed at the April meeting and documented in the minutes on the website, we continue to get salinity readings on the lakes the first week of each month. At the same time, we continue to move through the steps to connect to potable water should the lakes not return to being usable for irrigation. We will have a useable irrigation source one way or the other in time for planting this fall. The June readings show the following salinity levels: Lake 1-953 ppm; Lake 2-1670 ppm; Lake 3-2508 ppm; Lake 4-2214 ppm; and Lake 5-1977 ppm. All are at their lowest levels since the storm, and additional summer rains will continue to lower these numbers. We need to get below 800 ppm to even consider this as our irrigation source in the fall. July and August readings will tell the tale.

Landscape: The grass and small shrubbery continue to improve with each passing day. Removal of the remainder of the dead plants, with the exception of the privacy hedge along Pan Am will be completed by Labor Day. The Board will continue with the things we do each off-season with budgeted dollars. This would include small plant replacement, sod and the planting of annuals. We will be ready to execute the design plan of the Green Team when planting season arrives and funding is secured.

Signs: The road and street sign contract has been signed and installs will begin in the next 4 weeks. The WLP signs at Wiggins/Gulf Harbor and the entrance to the community have been trickier to finalize. We are on to our 4th vendor, but hope to have designs to share in the next week or so.

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A message from the President - Continued

Paint: The project of painting 12 buildings and the community walls is complete. Our partner, Northern Contracting, did a great job for us again this year.

Reserve analysis: The feedback from the outside team analyzing the reserves will be back soon. Completion of this project will allow us to move to the next step we discussed in March which would be options for remedying the shortfall.

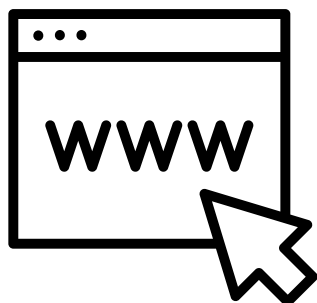
Clubhouse: The final bids for the clubhouse remodel were recently submitted. We expect to have specs to share very soon. The remainder of the pool furniture has arrived.

The Xfinity contract: It has finally made it through all levels at Xfinity; the last signature was executed on 5/17. This kicks off the 90 day window for the complimentary Wi-Fi at the clubhouse and East pool to be installed.

The website: An update of the website will be completed by early July.

Documents review: This process continues keeping our timeline of having the new draft in everyone's hands this fall.

I hope this update keeps you informed while you are away. I look forward to everyone's return!



IMPORTANT WEBSITE INFORMATION:

Our website is the official source of information for our WLP Community. Board Member Gary Doyle has been working with our webmaster to redesign our website to make it more user friendly. Anytime you have a question about something at Wiggins, your first action should be to check the website:

<http://wlpnaples.com>

A Report From Our Landscape Committee

by Linda Hunter, Chair

As summer rains continue, it's gratifying to see some of our grass and a few hardy plants struggle back to life. Although most of us are now back at our summer residences, progress continues on Wiggins landscape restoration.

At the April Board meeting, the Landscape Committee outlined our work and initial recommendations on this project, including tracking the water salinity in our irrigation lakes, a detailed evaluation of damage to our landscape foliage, and a feasibility study for connection of our irrigation system to Collier County water. The Board has now adopted the water connection project and has assumed responsibility for next steps. The Landscape Committee continues to monitor the salinity of both our water and soil to determine when replanting can begin.

Having developed preliminary landscape plans for our Wiggins community replanting, our next step is to work with a landscape expert on design plans, plant availability, suitability, costing, installation requirements, care and maintenance requirements, and to help prepare both a planting schedule and a detailed budget. Final plans will consider more hardscape and plants that are more salt and insect tolerant, and require less water to help cut our irrigation costs.

Complete restoration is expected to be a multi-year project. We propose conducting the replanting in phases, focusing work on the most critical areas first. For example, the foliage and grounds at Wiggins entry, covering exposed AC units and garbage compounds, hiding utilities, privacy hedging and streetscape areas hardest hit by plant loss.

The Committee will work closely with the Board to develop alternative budget and timing scenarios for completing this work. The BOD in turn plans to communicate closely with owners in the months to come, as the final plan is determined.

Hurricane Preparation



Hurricane season has arrived! Hopefully we will NOT face any storms, but we must be prepared. So, what do we need to know and do?

Sadly, we all know the dangers associated with hurricanes and the extent of damage that can be caused. Florida's hurricane season officially began on June 1 and lasts until November 30, with the peak season occurring from August through October.

COMMUNICATION IS ESSENTIAL!

Monitor the WLP website for information :



<http://wlpnaples.com>

The Board of Directors and the Communication Committee will do our best to keep the community informed about coming storms and the conditions in Wiggins after the storm.

We know how stressful it is for you when you do not know what has happened.

Posted on the website will be pre-storm information and the closing of the pools and the Clubhouse. Also post-storm information will be posted on the website after safety assessments are completed and buildings are reopened and services restored.

If you have renters in your unit, please share this information with them!

Be sure you have important phone numbers at the ready (i.e., neighbors, your home watch and your insurance companies).



Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5
				
Winds 119-153 kph 74-95 mph	Winds 154-177 kph 96-110 mph	Winds 178-208 kph 111-129 mph	Winds 209-251 kph 130-156 mph	Winds 252+ kph 157+ mph
Storm Surge 4-5 ft	Storm Surge 6-8 ft	Storm Surge 9-12 ft	Storm Surge 13-18 ft	Storm Surge 19+ ft
Minimal Damage	Moderate Damage	Extensive Damage	Extreme Damage	Catastrophic Damage

Hurricane Prep: What do we need to know and do?

We are sharing this preparation advice because we need to protect and help each other in the community in the event of a hurricane. Items left outside can blow around and cause serious damage. Even if you are back home for the summer, please have your homewatch or a friend check your property to ensure everything is secured.



OUTSIDE YOUR UNIT:

Remove all items that can blow around and cause damage during a storm. This includes:

- Outside door mats
- Door hangings
- Planters
- Flags
- Bicycles
- Hoses

Anything left outside can cause damage! Secure all outside spaces. Make sure garage doors are closed completely and storage compartments are closed and locked.

If you have renters in your unit, please share this information with them!

INSIDE YOUR UNIT:

- If you have them, lower your storm shutters
- Close and lock all windows and doors
- Clear your lanai of furniture and other items - bring them inside
- Move valuable items off the floor
- Move vehicles further inland

PLEASE BE AWARE that if a hurricane strikes it is very likely that your internet access will be unreliable or unavailable for several or more days. Therefore, it is suggested that you review, print and store appropriate information to have on hand prior to the arrival of a hurricane.



On page 7 you will find various federal, state and local sites that may be helpful to you in the event a hurricane does occur.

Hurricane Information

Tracking

National Hurricane Center

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

AccuWeather

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/hurricane>

Naples Daily News Hurricane guide:

<https://www.naplesnews.com/weather/hurricanes/>



Preparation

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration preparation

<https://www.noaa.gov/hurricane-prep>

Red Cross:

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/hurricane.html>

Ready.Gov:

<https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

Florida division of Emergency Management

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/>

Shelter Information

Red cross shelters:

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html>

Collier county shelters and evacuation routes:

<https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/government/county-manager-operations/divisions/emergency-management/current-emergency-information/collier-county-shelter-locations-evacuation-routes>

Continue to monitor the WLP website for information:



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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/builder/form/P88rcgmycOhCfJfX3Z>



City of Naples

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

Naples Beach Status

[naplesgov.com/hurricane/page/beach-public-access-update](https://www.naplesgov.com/hurricane/page/beach-public-access-update)

Collier County

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

FEMA (Florida)

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



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Our next newsletter, the August/September edition, coming on September 1!