

# The *Royal Harbor* PILOT

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## President's Message:

Summertime in Naples is a quiet time. Those of us who stay here have the town to ourselves. Restaurants are easy to get into and most have great early bird deals. Traffic is not a problem anymore and you can drive through most lights on one cycle of red, yellow and green. The neighborhoods are quieter and about half of the homes in Royal Harbor are shuttered up. Yes, things slow down.

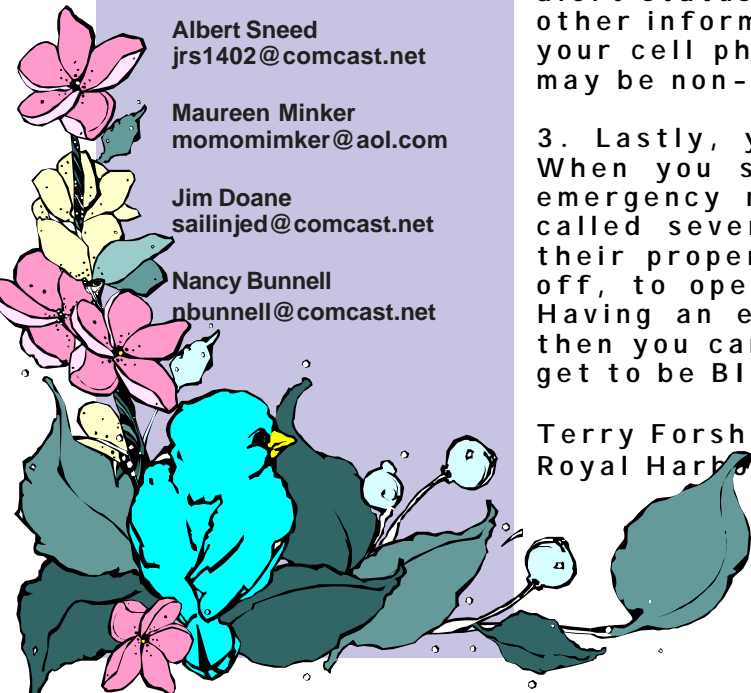
But, if you are leaving or have left, you may want to take advantage of some of the programs the city offers.

1. The Naples Police Department offers a vacant home program. If you go online to [Naplespolice.com](http://Naplespolice.com), the police have a form you can fill out and return to them regarding your home. This form tells them you are gone and then the police will watch your home for you. They will (about 2x a month) stop as they drive by, and walk around your property to see if things look OK. If not, they call you...pretty nice, really.

2. There is also a program called CODE RED that you can sign up for. This is also accessible online from the City of Naples site. This is an alert program. If (let's hope not) a hurricane strikes the area, or if some disaster looms or other alert needs to be sounded, this will inform you of what is going on. It works like this. Everyone signing up gives their phone numbers to the city. If an alert is needed, then the city can send a phone call to everyone on the list at once. (this is usually the Mayor) and they will inform you of the alert status, etc. They also use it for an "all clear" or other information as deemed necessary. You should give your cell phone as well as home phones as one or more may be non-functional if a serious event would occur.

3. Lastly, you have us, the Homeowners Association. When you signed up as a member, we asked for an emergency number. Over the last few years, I have called several members to tell them of problems at their property. These ranged from bilge alarms going off, to open doors, to trees falling into the canals. Having an emergency number lets us inform you, and then you can take care of these problems before they get to be BIG problems.

Terry Forshier  
Royal Harbor Homeowners Association President.



# Civic Improvement and Beautification

## Royal Harbor now has security cameras for the entrances at Marlin and Dolphin.



Your Royal Harbor Association dues have provided this security enhancement to our community. The purchase, installation and continued maintenance are made possible by the members of the association.

The cameras are a deterrent and an aid for the Naples city police.

These cameras work both day and night recording the license plates of cars entering and leaving Royal Harbor. They also record people walking or riding bikes through these entrances.



The cameras at Marlin will also record people and cars driving down Sandpiper to Sheephead.



Pictures accompanying this article show the coverage of some of the cameras.

This information with date and time stamps will be kept for about a month on a storage device. New information will overwrite the old.



The information is to be used only by the police when requested. For example, when suspicious behavior has been reported, the police will specify a date and time range and that information will be provided to them by Beaumont Communications, the company that installed and maintains the cameras.



No one else has access to this information, including the members of the Royal Harbor Association Board.

Thank you for your membership in the association. Your support allows the continued improvement of our neighborhood.



## From Recent RH Board Meetings

**City Report - Dave Lykins** attended on behalf of the City. He reported that the staff was working on capital requests for the next fiscal year at this time. Refurbishment and enhancements are planned for The Veterans Memorial in Cambier Park. There will be 2 new events held in downtown called City Fest in order to promote the downtown retail areas. One will be held in May and the other in October.

**Police Report - Officer Tyrone Davis** reported that there is still a license check planned for the Royal Harbor neighborhood. This is primarily to show a police presence in the area. He will advise of the date. He encouraged us to notify homeowners that leave for the summer to go online and fill out a vacant home form so the NPD can keep an eye on these properties

**Legislation / Public Affairs - Terry** reported that the City of Naples is changing the format of their water bills. The new ones will be much more detailed. The City has asked the NPD to start enforcing bicycle traffic laws. There has been an increase of pack riders which can be hazardous.

**Neighborhood Watch** - We are waiting for FPL to install 7 new street lights requested by the City - 4 on Kingfish and 3 on Snook.

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Many times we are asked, "What does the Homeowners Association do for me?" Here is your answer.

Drive down 41 and turn on to Sandpiper. Without our input there would be no signs and fountains there, no parks, no new landscaping or new bridge. Go on down to the turn on Marlin, see the new grassy islands? This was a Royal Harbor initiative. The cul-de-sacs were redone because of our requests, the swales along the roads, grassed at our request, new street signage and a speed limit set at 25mph. These improvements came about because of your active Homeowners Association.



We have listened to your requests for security cameras, and we will now see them come to fruition. We are working with the city for replacement of trees along our streets, and are also involved in street resurfacing, and getting more street lights placed on the existing power poles. Without our Homeowners Association we would not be getting ready to dredge the canals this year in order to maintain our boating way of life.



Your Homeowners Association keeps a constant vigil of what is happening in your neighborhood. We have built a strong relationship with the Naples Police as they are ever present in our neighborhood. Our representative meets every month in city hall with the City manager to go over the items in the operation of the city that affects Royal Harbor. Every month we also attend the Collier County presidents association and the Naples Bay Alliance group for the same reason. We build relationships with those that can affect our way of life here in Royal Harbor. This is how we get things done.

Our Homeowners Association also sends out regular e-mail that keep our members up to date on security and any other issues that affect them. We plan the neighborhood picnic held in the spring and the very popular Halloween party. We provide a phone directory and send out the "Pilot" newsletter, and we also have an on-line web site

We live in a wonderful neighborhood and need your support through membership. The city listens to numbers. Membership to the Royal Harbor association is only \$50 per year. Please consider what we bring to the neighborhood, and support this association.

# Royal Harbor Association Picnic

For those of us that attended the Royal Harbor picnic on Sunday April 11th I think everyone will agree that it was an event that they will not forget for some time. All the prepared food that people brought to share was a variety of delights. Fortunately our hot dog grillers - Bruce Bollinger, Scott Brickley and Dean Lockwood were able to get the dogs off the grill before the BIG rain started. I would like to give a special thanks to Taylor Rental for their Tent as it didn't leak nor blow away. As we all stood

under the tent watching the rain pour and pour and pour down and the wind pick up there was only one thing we could do and that was to laugh it off. Most of us got to eat before the big blow came and ruined the food.



Where Did The Bay Go?

And Then The Rains Came!

Because of the conditions we were unable to take our usual photos of the food line and the festivities.. A big thank you to Mark and Darlene Miller as they provided electricity to the Bounce House (which, fortunately, didn't blow away) and ice for the drinks and Jim Wheatley for the Portable Toilet.

Although the weather didn't cooperate we did get to meet some of our new neighbors and that is what this event is all about.

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