

The *Royal Harbor* Pilot

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President's Update...

Your association has been busy over the summer months working hand in hand with the city (and county) to make various civic improvements to Royal Harbor. As you will read in more detail in this issue of the *Pilot* these are improvements that have been in the works for the past 2 years and finally getting close to completion. The corner of US 41 (5th Ave.) and Sandpiper is about to have a dramatic change over. The Sandpiper Village construction (East side) will begin this winter and the plans for the new Boat Haven Village (West side) have been approved by the City Council. Also, we are getting closer to the Annual Royal Harbor Picnic this December. Look for the details in this issue of the *Pilot*.

Boat Cover Prohibited

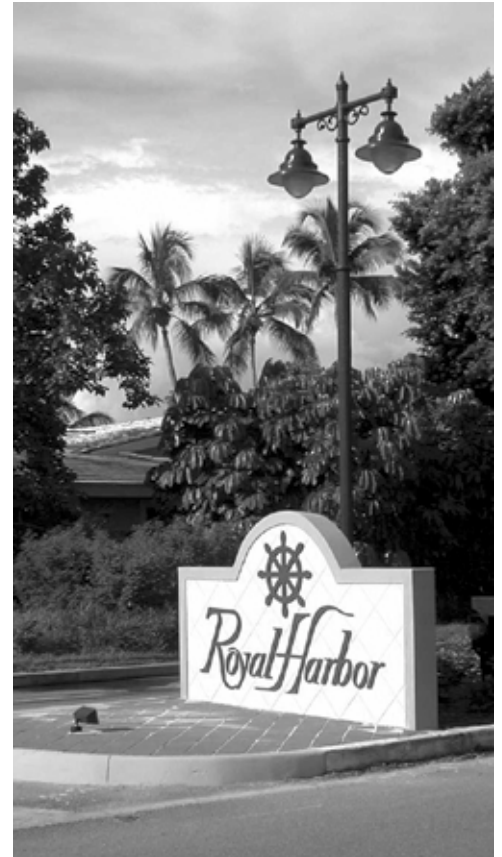
The city officials have made a decision that they **will not** approve the placement of boat covers on the top of lifts.

Renting Your Dock or Dock Space

If you considering renting your dock space it is perfectly O.K. The city is working on a change to the city ordinance that makes

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Entrance Improvements Near Completion



Our Marlin Street Royal Harbor Entrance has undergone a major facelift which may surprise those who have been away for the summer.

The new tile-surfaced sign, paver blocks, flagstaff, landscaping and old-fashioned street lamp give a look of quiet elegance to our entrance. The light, which was judged to be too glaring, will have a new ballast installed to tone it down. Pavers around the flagstaff, curb painting and other minor items are scheduled for early completion.

this legal. At the present time nothing is in the ordinance stating that you can rent or that you can't rent thus renting is allowed.

East Naples Bay Taxing District Being Formed

The City of Naples is in the process of forming an "East Naples Baying Taxing District Committee." This committee will review the conditions of the various canals on the East side of the Bay and make recommendations on a plan of action. Dr. John Steiger, will lead this committee which is made up of three reps. from Royal Harbor and two from Oyster Bay. Our representative our John Edwards, Dennis Foley and Bill Schmidt. If you have any concerns about areas in your canal that needs corrective action please call Bill Schmidt and/or Dr. John Steiger.

New Recreational Vehicle Storage Effective

On May 16, 2001, the City Council approved the Storage of Recreational Vehicle overlay for Royal Harbor. Ordinance #01-9191 prohibits the storage of Recreational vehicles in the front and side yards (this has always been in effect) and the rear yard (which is the new revision). When surveyed, 80% of the property owners approved of the new overlay thus action was taken to have the city council approve and implement this overlay ordinance. If you are storing recreational vehicles (i.e., boats/boat trailers, Personal water craft, off road vehicles, etc.) please be advised that you can be cited for an ordinance violation. If you are interested in a copy of this ordinance please contact Robert Singer.

Civic Improvement Update

Believe it or not, we have managed to accomplish a few things this summer!

US41 Sandpiper Road:

The City of Naples has finished the new park and it is lovely. If you haven't gone up for a walk around, be sure to do so. There are still several things to be accomplished at the intersection and they are:

1. Modify the turn radius as you come from town and modify the island so the entrance from the East is more easily negotiated. The City and County have agreed to do this using the plan presented at the Royal Harbor – City Council meeting. The actual work has been delayed until next summer because the City doesn't have budget money available until after October 1st. and it would be a mess to do this during the season. Because of this, the island that will be modified will not be landscaped, but the second island will be done shortly.
2. The City has also agreed to paint the huge street light standards dark green like those across the bridge in town, but has been unable to get a contractor at this time.
3. The Royal Harbor Board has agreed that we will not put a Royal Harbor sign at US 41 because it is not the entrance to the

Coming Events

Royal Harbor Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Royal Harbor Homeowners Association will be held Monday, Jan. 14th at 7:30pm at the Norris Center, Cambier park.

A notice, citing the agenda will be sent to all association members during the first week of January. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend YOUR annual meeting.

Town Hall Meeting Information

Naples Mayor Bonnie Mackenzie will schedule a town hall meeting with Royal Harbor for February.

The meeting is open to all residents of Royal Harbor. When date has been set a flyer will be sent citing the date/ time and location.

subdivision (entrance ¾ mile further on). Oyster Bay will have sign there, since it is the entrance to their subdivision and the City will install an entering Naples sign.

Marlin Road – Sandpiper entrance

1. As per the plan presented at the annual meeting, the City has completed widening Marlin road and the island, and we have constructed a new entrance wall with the Royal Harbor letters. The island was also re-landscaped. At this time there are several minor items which are to be completed by the City, and may be done when you read this.
 - a. Re-center and straighten the flag pole
 - b. Install lower wattage bulbs in the decorative street light.
 - c. Put pavers in the area in front of the wall.
 - d. Have FPL move the street light to the SE corner of the intersection.
 - e. Repave the walk area to eliminate the standing water after rains.
 - f. Cover the island curbing with white vinyl to enhance the appearance and to hide tire scuff-marks.
2. While the City has approved a 4-way stop for the intersection, the request has been denied by the County (majority of the intersection is in the County). The Board has written Ms. Pam Mc’Kie requesting that she cut through the red tape and get County approval. If and when this is granted, the City will install the stop signs using the white wood frames and will replace the blue directions sign with one that spells Sheep(s)head properly!



Waterways Committee Update

In the past, Royal Harbor residence’s had the benefit of periodic debris cleaning of our canals. It has been some time since this service has been rendered by the City. The reason being, the old pontoon boat and motor are no longer usable.

According to our new dock master/harbor master, Randy Ward, we will have this service back on-line in time for the fall season, with a new/updated boat. After this service is back on-line, there might be occasions where certain debris is not washing out of your canal. If so, report if to the city dock.

Mr. Ward also stated that an added service being offered through the city dock, is your dock side, holding tank pump out. For a nominal fee, they will come to your Royal Harbor residence and pump out the holding tank on your boat. This

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Coming Events

Royal Harbor in Christmas Parade

Christmas is “just around the corner”

Royal Harbor is entering a float in this years Christmas Parade which will take place on the evening of December 18, '01.

The theme of the parade will be “**A Charles Dickens Christmas Holiday Parade.**” (An old fashioned Christmas) We need help to make our participation in this event a success.

Preliminar plans are for participation by children, 7yrs or older. If you are interested in having your child participate, please call Catherine Flanagan, 774-7240

If you have any ideas, or would like to help, please call Eileen Lankton- 793-4044



Royal Harbor's 24th Annual Picnic Dec. 2nd

This year's picnic will be in a new location, 2190 Sheepshead Drive. (Vacant lot at the end of the street)

A reservation form with additional information has been included with this issue of the PILOT. (Saving on postage) Please fill it out and return, along with your check, to Isabelle Edwards ASAP.

The deadline for reservations is November 25th. (which will be here before you know it.)

Cost is \$15 per family, \$8 for singles and children under 15 are free.

Come meet new neighbors and renew old acquaintanences. Activities start at 12:00 Noon

service should also be available by fall. They already have the equipment. For this service, simply call the city dock at 213-3070.

During a recent review of Royal Harbor, we noticed about one half of our residences do not have street address numbers on their dock or seawall. If you plan to utilize this pump out service, it would certainly be helpful to have your address visible. This could also apply to anyone doing any dock or seawall maintenance on your property.

Recent storms and abnormally high tides have produced extremely high water levels in our canals, higher, so say old time residents, than anything in the last thirty years. In a number of cases, water was over the seawalls.

A consequence was much floating debris, including dock boards, construction lumber and even fiberglass dockboxes. Needless to say, this was not only unsightly, it created danger of damage to boats and property.

The high water dangers are not over. The prudent homeowner should make sure that all materials on docks and seawall areas are secured. (This includes the dockboards themselves). If your boat is on a lift, make sure that it is high enough, and secured. If high water causes your boat to float off the lift and subsequently cause damage to the property of others, costs could go far beyond loss of your boat.

Bill Schmidt

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Neighborhood Watch Update.

Remember 911

Security is on everyone's mind, especially since the terrible events of September eleventh. A number of steps have been taken to increase the security of our neighborhood. Several new "Boris the Burglar" neighborhood watch signs have been placed at strategic locations.

Royal Harbor is participating in crime/emergency alert systems operated by both the Collier County Sheriff's Department, and the City of Naples Police and Emergency Services. The County system, **E-COPS**, (*Electronic Crime Observation and Prevention System*), uses the Internet and e-mail for emergency notification. The **Naples City Watch** system uses telephone and FAX notification. (Sources tell us that this will probably switch to the Internet for greater efficiency and to lower costs .)

Since our police resources now have increased duties, (stepped-up patrols in River Park, increased security for public facilities), residents are reminded that in Neighborhood Watch the operative word is *Watch*. Each of us should be aware of goings-on in our neighborhood.

Neighborly Reminders

We hear frequent complaints about pet owners not controlling dog behavior. Allowing your pet to use lawns and shrubs as a "rest stop" and allowing them to run free are not "neighborly" actions.

The City of Naples has a dog leash law which should be obeyed. Your pet may seem playful and friendly to you, but to some others frightening.

If your dog heeds the "call of nature", it is your responsibility to clean it up. If your pet isn't allowed to mess in your front yard, why should your neighbor welcome it?

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Another complaint is speeding, particularly on Snook, Tarpon and Kingfish. While it's true that some of the offenders are service trucks and vehicles, much of it is by residents. Please be aware of your speed when traveling Royal Harbor streets. The last thing we want is someone injured because a resident was in a hurry to get home.

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Legislative Committee Update

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This is an article about Legislation; boring stuff eh? What comes into your mind when you read the word Legislation? Probably, Federal Laws, Florida Statutes, City Ordinances and maybe Royal Harbor Association by-laws and overlays. Right on. But these are the mechanics of getting regulations put into effect, the end of the process. How about the beginning?

What do we have to do to start the process of keeping the delightful area in which we live in an aesthetically satisfying state, maintain safety, keep waterways in good condition and generally improve our infrastructure?

It starts with you. Ideas, suggestions, proposals that you feel will improve Royal Harbor if put into effect need to be discussed with a board member or with the board generally. All of your initiatives will be reviewed by the board and if the decision is made to go ahead the City will be approached for their review.

Depending on the type of issue involved the result may be a rapid approval but more likely the Planning Advisory Board and subsequently the City Council will need to know what all the residents of Royal Harbor feel on the matter. They may then instruct us to hold town hall meetings, wait for an annual meeting and send a mail ballot to all residents.

Clearly this is very time consuming but it is what the board has to do. What we ask you to do is participate in the process from the beginning so that the board, the PAB and the City Council have a very clear idea of what the residents are in favor of doing.

This is how the creative legislation process works for getting things done in Royal Harbor. And it works for everybody whether you are an Association member or choose not to be for whatever reason.

What is most disconcerting is after having gone through the whole process which can take months and months, at the very end when the PAB and Council are ready to vote on our request some residents have been known to make a statement to a PAB or Council member that they were not made aware of what was being proposed and are not in agreement. This kind of action is not in the best interests of the residents of Royal Harbor.

To the great majority we say thank you for your support, and to the very small minority we say please keep yourselves informed and bring forward any problems you have during the process so they can be resolved before we reach the final stage.

Be alert for suspicious activity, loitering, strange vehicles, etc. If you suspect that a crime is being committed or is likely, *don't hesitate, call 911* and report what you see. A patrol car will be dispatched to investigate.

This advice comes from Officers addressing the monthly meeting of Collier County Neighborhood Watch groups.

On the subject of local crime, we have heard reports of fishing rods being stolen from open garages.

You've read it in these pages before - ***Don't make yourself a victim.*** Review your home security procedures. If you have valuable "stuff" in your garage, and you leave the open garage unattended, don't be surprised if someone else decides they need your stuff more than you do.

Information update:

Officer Robert (Drew) McGregor is the police officer responsible for the Royal Harbor area. If you need to contact him, his voice mail number is 213-4864



City Waste Pickup Schedule

Trash -Mondays and Thursdays

RECYCLING- Weekly, Thursdays (curbside pickup time is 7AM)

NEWSPAPERS- Place loose in recycling bin. Permitted recyclables now include magazines, direct mail advertising materials, phone books and brown paper bags

GLASS- Three colors of glass, clear, brown and green are permitted. Rinse and remove lids

STEEL FOOD CANS -Please rinse
ALUMINUM BEVERAGE CANS- Please rinse

PLASTICS- Soft Drink bottles, water, juice, milk jug, etc, that have recycling symbol (1) or (2) on bottom. Rinse and remove caps.

There will be NO recycling pickup on THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS, or NEW YEAR'S DAY

Recycling bins may be obtained at the Recycling Center on Third Avenue North, off Goodlette Road. Further information at Waste Management, 649-2212

Welcome New Members to
Royal Harbor Association

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