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From the President.....

The Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to wish the families in Royal Harbor a Happy Holiday Season and a great year in 2003. Plans are underway for the annual Royal Harbor picnic that will feature a band who will be playing your holiday favorites plus a sing-a-long and in addition, something special for the kids. To reflect the holiday season the entrances (Dolphin and Marlin) will be decorated right after Thanksgiving and until the first week of January. If you are traveling for the holidays, please travel with care and return to Royal Harbor safe and sound.

Entrance at Sandpiper and U.S 41 to be CLOSED.

The city has developed plans to widen the entrance to Sandpiper off U.S 41. The work will be accomplished between Thanksgiving and Christmas. In order to accomplish the work the entrance to Sandpiper off U.S 41 will be closed. and the traffic directed to Palm Ave. The exit will remain open during the construction. When completed new landscaping will be done on the median as well as the some areas of the park.

Annual Meeting Notice

The Royal Harbor Annual Meeting will be held January 20th at 7:00PM at the Riverpark Community Center. The Mayor of the City of Naples and the City Manager will be attending to provide an update of various city projects. Please mark your calendars so as not to miss this important meeting.

City to Paint Traffic Light Standards

The city has entered into a contract to paint the TrafficLight poles at U.S 41/Davis/Sandpiper during the month of January. They will be painting "green" to match with other light standards within the city.

Our Changing Neighborhood



Returning Snowbirds were greeted by the sight of the new "Mini-Park" at the Sandpiper/U.S.41 entrance to our area. This is just the latest of changes that would make any visting former resident wonder if they took a wrong turn somewhere.

Our four-way stop at Marlin/Sandpiper, the new Marlin entrance, as well as the addition of many beautiful large new homes have really changed our "look".

Well, as Al Jolson, (if you're as old as I, you know who he was.) used to say: "You ain't seen nothin' yet." Across Sandpiper from the minipark, work is about to start on the Antaramian development "*Piazza del Villagio*". The landscaping and sales office are already a big improvement over the derelict strip mall we endured for many years. As you see from the front page item, further improvement of the intersection will be completed by year's end.

And that's not all - late word indicates that an impressive palm sculpture by Walter York Koenigstein may be placed in a prominent position in our minipark, and the development of the "mini-triangle across U.S.41 is another likelihood.

With such an impressive gateway to the City of Naples, maybe we'll no longer be regarded as "Those kids who live on the other side of the bridge."

Coming Events

December 8
Royal Harbor Picnic

December 2-4
Sandpiper/U.S.41
Detour

January 20
Royal Harbor Ass'n
Annual Meeting



Royal Harbor's 25th Annual Picnic

Live Music and a Bounce House for the Kids

Come One — Come All
Come join us under the Big Top

Good Food, Good Friends, Good Fun
Pulled Pork, Vegetable Pasta Salads, Fresh Fruit & Homemade Cookies
Bring Family, Friends, Tables and Chairs
Live Music with Christmas Sing Along

December 8th
12:00 Noon until ????
2190 Sheepshead Drive
Price: \$17.00/Family
\$ 8.50/Single Person

Reservation Deadline is November 29, 2002

Please mail your reservation and check payable to Royal Harbor Association to:

Catherine Flanagan
2310 Tarpon Road
Naples, Florida 34102
239 - 774-7240

Total Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Members Names:

Guests Names:



Waterway Tips

Our neighbors in Royal Harbor are returning to Paradise from their Northern homes, and we are happy to see you.

This might be a good time to check the condition of your seawalls. Try to look at it from your neighbors perspective. Are your dock boards and railings in good condition, so they won't fall in the water and float away? [possibly causing damage to boaters?] Are there any unsightful shrubs or tree branches hanging over the sea wall, that need trimming?

As a courtesy to others, are your house numbers visible from your dock?

These are just a few reminders that will help keep Royal Harbor a place we can all be proud of!



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Beware of Attack Dogs - and invisible Fences!

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Recently while walking on Tarpon Road a dog "broke through" its invisible fence, attacked and killed my 7-pound Maltese dog, and bit me. It was the most terrifying thing I have ever experienced. My dog at one point was grabbed out of my arms and the attack continued, Once Domestic Animal Services began investigating we learned that this was not the first attack by this dog. Unfortunately the previous incidents were not reported. If they had, this dog likely would have been declared dangerous and an "invisible fence" would not be allowed.

The owners of this dog were aware that the dog had attacked before but chose to continue to use the invisible fence as a means to contain this animal. It is not uncommon for large dogs to take~ the shock and break through these fences, Why should those of us using the street to walk, jog, or ride bikes be put at such risk? The barking alone can be frightening, imagine the fear of an attack!

If you ever experience anything like this, report it. It is the only way to begin the process of declaring a dog dangerous and thus avoid subsequent incidents.



Teach your dog to respect your neighborhood and your neighbors! That's responsible dog ownership.

Welcome New Members to Royal Harbor Association

Lonnie & Lee May
2135 Snook Drive
649-5856

Tim & Carol Wagner
2222 Kingfish Road
732-7335

Tom & Amy Tadych
2190 Snook Drive
774-5547

Bob Rector & Jennifer Oss
2001 Snook Drive
732-9843

Tim & Sheila Zellers
2400 Tarpon Road
263-3343

George & Paula Vyverberg
2066 Snook Drive
417-2428

Mark & Stephanie Rubino
1426 Marlin Drive
Phone# 430-0925

Gary & Kelly Colon,
1503 Marlin Dr.
Phone # 262-7405

Alan Marsh,
2183 Snook Drive
Phone # 430-9643

Todd & Lisa Grooms
1655 Mullet Ct.
Phone # 353-4068

Orlando & Adalfio Taboada,
Guillermo Ricciardi
1890 Tarpon Road

If you use an invisible fence, think of the fear you impose on your neighbors who may not be aware that a fence is there, that it is in operation, or that the collar is adequately charged. Perhaps as a neighborhood we should restrict invisible fences to the rear yards so that aggressive dogs are not tempted to "break through" when people go by.

Editor's note: What the author of this piece, (and a victim of the attack), has not mentioned, is that it she might just as easily have been accompanied that day by either or both of her children. The result could have been even more serious than the loss of the family pet.

Neighborhood Watch Notes

Recent incidents and suspicious activities point to a need to be alert for home and personal security. There have been home invasion robberies, one in September in Golden Gate which included use of a hand gun and a stun gun.

Last week in Pelican Bay, two Hispanics told a woman they needed to spray her condo for insects, sprayed *her* and while helping her clean up, stole a ring from her hand.

Here in Royal Harbor, a "street person" reportedly accosted people, asking for a drink of water. One accommodating woman actually asked him into her house while she got the water. (fortunately, no crime was committed.)

In another GG incident, men posing as alarm company employees asked a homeowner to reveal security measures.

Many neighborhood crimes can be prevented when citizens are vigilant. The Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit warns of "Stranger Danger" If you don't know them, don't let them in. If they don't have credentials, maybe they *don't* work for that company.

Be alert! Stay safe!

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) through 7 on bottom. Rinse and remove caps.

CARDBOARD/FIBERBOARD BOXES- Flattened, placed in or beside recycling bin

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



Post Office Box 2532
Naples, Florida 34106-2532

Recycling Program Expanded

The City of Naples has again expanded the list of materials that are accepted for recycling.

Plastic bottles and jugs with recycle numbers three through seven have been added to the previously approved 1 and 2.

Cardboard boxes and fiberboard containers are also now accepted. The proviso is that all boxes must be flattened, not nested or left whole.

Fiberboard is the material typically used in cereal, cracker boxes and the like.

