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## From the President.....

### BOARD CHANGES:

Special thanks to Mr. **Bob Singer** who donated so much time and effort in helping to improve Royal Harbor. We would also like to thank outgoing Board of Director members **Dennis Foley, John Sanger, and Howard Shanahan** for their dedicated service.

We further would like to welcome our new Board of Directors: **Jon Kukk** and **Lenore Morrill**.

At our annual meeting on January 20, 2003 the following people were elected to the board for the 2003-2005 time period:

**Isabelle Edwards, Catherine Flanagan, Tim Jenkins, Lenore Morrill and Eric Watler.**

### The elected officers for 2003 are:

**President; John Highland**

**1st Vice President: Eric Walter**

**2nd Vice President: Bill Schmidt**

**Secretary: Isabelle Edwards**

**Treasurer: Frazer Smithson**

## NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION TOUR

On Friday March 7th 2003 Royal Harbor Board members toured our area with the Naples City Manager and staff to identify and discuss improvements for our community. The following items are the recommended improvements:

1. Safety on streets for children, pedestrians, bicycles, dogs and drivers with police patrols day and night.
2. Dog control addressing leash laws, animal control, pooper scoopers and responsible dog ownership.
3. Paving and street repair.
4. Bay, canal and Halderman Creek boat speed control. The erosion of seawalls, speed outside of the channel and markers also were addressed.
5. Condition of cul-de-sacs, streets, landscaping

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including tree trimming.

- 6. Swale condition and appearance including storm water management.
- 7. Continued use of clen up barge for canal debris. More resident and landscape cooperation for cleanup.
- 8. Sandpiper Street enhancement from U.S. 41 to Halderman Creek to include landscaping, lights, bike paths and pavers.
- 9. Improved entrances including signs, landscaping and lighting.
- 10. Home maintenance codes: appearance of houses, lawns, vacant lots, driveways and mailboxes.

**TOWN HALL MEETING MEETING FRIDAY MARCH 13, 2003.**

A joint meeting was held at City Hall. It was an opportunity to hear the council and city staff review issues they think are important to our neighborhood and to hear comments and concerns from our residents.

**ENTRANCES**

A priority for this year is an update for our three entrances. This would include signs, landscaping, lights, pavers and anything else that will help identify Royal Harbor and reflect a premier waterfront community.

An exploritory committee headed by John Kukk (430- 1176) is being formed. Your input and support is needed and the committee welcomes comments or suggestions.

**OUR GOALS**

Our Board of Directors will continue to keep you informed and to represent you with the city, county and the public.

In addition, our goal is to spend our time and effort on realistic projects that will continue to make Royal Harbor a desirable place to live.

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**Naples City Code -**

**What does it Cover?**

Have you ever wondered what you can or can't do in maintaining your property? Many of the complaints handled by the Grievance Committee must be checked out before any action. What restrictions are there? Well, there's a whole area of the **City of Naples Code** that you should become familiar with. *ARTICLE X, Property Maintenance*, covers, perhaps, more than you might think. Two important sections are presented here to show the scope of property-owner requirements. The first, section 106-250, **Purpose**, sets the general tone and scope.

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**News & Views**

**Royal Harbor Website on the Way**

In order to better communicate with Royal Harbor Association members, (and the rest of the world), The Board has approved a project to build an Internet Website. The site will be hosted by Naples Free-Net, our local volunteer supported Internet service provider, (ISP).

Three Board members have already attended classes to aid in the construction of the site. Electronic communication should keep everyone in touch with the latest RH news. (Particularly when you're away from your home base) Watch for further announcements.

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**Speeding Still a Neighborhood Problem**

That radar display unit you see on our streets so often is there because we still have speeders on Royal Harbor streets.

Though we may think it's "those other guys", the most frequent violators are Royal Harbor residents. As Pogo used to say, "We have seen the enemy and he is us!"

Slow down - It's Life Insurance!

*BTW - Have you noticed the new speed signs on some RH curves?*

## Civic Improvement and Beautification

**Cul-de-sac Improvements**—The Civic Improvement and Beautification Committee is working with City staff to develop a prioritized list for renovating cul-de-sacs in Royal Harbor. There are a total of seventeen cul-de-sacs. The City has committed to budgeting annually for a multi-year renovation program. It is intended that work will start this summer.

**Sandpiper right-of-way improvements**—The Civic Improvement and Beautification Committee is continuing to participate in a joint planning process with City staff and the Oyster Bay Association to identify potential r.o.w. improvements on Sandpiper. The potential aesthetic upgrades include: additional trees and palms, landscaping and pavers at crosswalks. It is intended that residents of Royal Harbor and Oyster Bay, especially residents on Sandpaper, will have opportunity to review and comment on the proposed improvements prior to adoption of the final plan.

**Entrance Signage**—Following suggestions at the Association's annual meeting, in addition to numerous other requests, the Board of Directors has directed the Civic Improvement and Beauification Committee to review the existing entrance signage (Marlin, Dolphin and Sandpiper). This review will consider all options, including: total replacement, modification of existing signage or retaining as is. The Board will be announcing a method for resident participation in the near future. It is recognized that there are varying opinions and different concerns among residents. Please share you thoughts and participate in the process. Nothing will be authorized until efforts are extended to obtain input from all who are interested.

Don Wirth . . . .



TARPON RD.



COBIA CT.



BONITA CT.

## Renovation Candidates

### Deja Vu Again?

Remember this item? It appeared in last year's October issue of the PILOT.

### ***City to Paint Traffic Light Standards***

*The city has entered into a contract to paint the Traffic Light 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.*

**Well, it's taken longer than expected, but the painting is underway and it looks like it may even be completed before April is over.**

# Waterway Tips

It is anticipated that all residents of Royal Harbor received Dr. Jon Staiger's letter of 04 February 2003, regarding the possibility of another dredging project.

Hopefully, you were able to respond to his request of forwarding information as it relates to depth of water and rock in our canals. No one knows the canal situation better than the resident that lives next to a problem.

The forwarded information will be presented to the East Naples Bay Taxing District Advisory Committee during their 08 April 2003 meeting [1:00 pm in the City Council Chambers]. The committee will decide whether or not to recommend engineering services for another dredging project.

On another matter, [as of this writing] it appears the red tide is still with us. To what extent depends on the wind. No dead fish in the canals were noticed on the latest inspection.

The collection of dead fish has changed from contacting the City Dock to Community Service. It appears they have done a good job. Also, thanks to our residents for reporting the location of the dead fish problem.

If you find any problem area's [dead fish or floating debris] contact **Community.....Service at 213-7120**. To report any oil or fuel spills in our canals, dial 911. The fire department will probably be the first to respond.

A REMINDER: The City Dock has holding tank pump-out service!

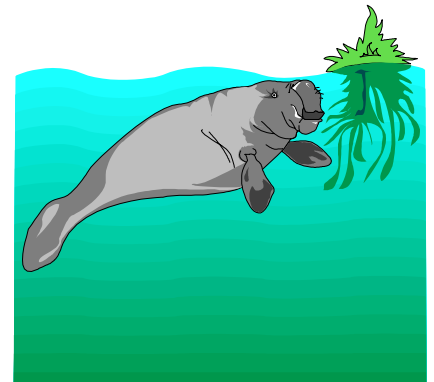


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## ..... Doggoned Dogs -

At the recent Town Meeting held by Mayor McKenzie, City Manager Kevin Rambosk, in response to a question about dog ordinances, observed that complaints about dogs - running loose, aggressive behavior, barking, as well as failure of owners to clean up feces and control odors, are probably the most frequent things they have to deal with from residents. A recent communication to PILOT follows:

*From a concerned neighbor (Bob Brown) . . . "We seem to be having a lot of complaints about dogs running loose and causing problems. You should always have your dog on a leash and clean up any mess he makes, **that is a city ordinance** and also being a good neighbor. We have had two bad situations of dogs being killed by another dog one in Royal Harbor and one in Oyster Bay. . . ."*



Bob is right. Each recent issue of PILOT has attempted to bring attention to the prevalence of the problems, apparently without success. Actually, animal control is a County function. (Check the license tag which the Law says your dog must have and it says Collier County) However, some problems from improperly controlled dogs could easily fall under requirements outlined in the Naples City Code.

# Are You a Safe Boater?

Collier County Domestic Animal Services has published and distributed a brochure with the following text - **in three languages!**

## It's The Law!

### *Rules for Pet Owners In Collier County*

- All dogs and cats must be licensed with the County, and vaccinated for Rabies by the age of three (3) months. This must be done yearly.
- All Licenses must be attached to the collar of the animal.
- Dogs and cats are not allowed to run loose! Animals must be confined to your property and walked on a leash!
- Animals confined outside must be provided adequate water and shelter at all times.
- Beaches, Parks, School grounds, and especially Bus Stops are off limits.
- Dogs are not allowed to snap, growl, jump upon, or otherwise threaten persons using the public right of ways.
- Dogs and cats are not allowed to create a sanitary nuisance. Pick up after your pets.

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Perhaps those who haven't gotten the message don't read any of the languages used -(English, Spanish, Korean). If you know of or witness a "dog problem", you can help by going to the website:

[www.co.collier.fl.us/animalcontrol](http://www.co.collier.fl.us/animalcontrol)

which is maintained by C.C. DAS. You can fill out an Animal Complaint Form there. There will be follow-up to let you know how your complaint was handled. (The laws detailed above are also posted there.)

Our success in reducing the problems by keeping you informed hasn't been as good as we'd have liked. Well, with "dogged" determination, we're going to keep trying. (and that's not just doggerel).

## Cat Owners Too!

Dog owners have been taking all the heat in reports of pet problems recently. To be expected, I guess - the bigger the animal, the greater the risk of problems.

Nevertheless, cat owners should take note that they are subject to the same restrictions and responsibilities as dog owners.

It is also against the law to allow a cat to roam around loose. The text of the law reads "*Animals must be confined to your property and walked on a leash*"

Allowing your cat to use the neighbor's flower bed as a litter box is not being very neighborly.



**Teach your dog  
(or cat) to  
respect your  
neighborhood  
and your  
neighbors!  
That's  
responsible pet  
ownership.**



SHAD CT.



TROUT CT.



SNOOK DR.

## More Candidates for Renovation

### ..... Naples City Code - What does it Cover? continued from page two - -

The second, section 106-259 ,Maintenance of property;unsightly conditions, covers the things that insure that we keep an attractive neighborhood. Check them over - you may be surprised at some items. If you know of infractions of these laws - tell us about them and we'll see if corrective action can be taken. (It wouldn't hurt for each of us to examine our own practices, either, would it?) The three objectives outlined under "Purpose" will help keep our area safe, clean and attractive ; while maintaining property values. Laudable results, right?

This article may be cited as the "Property Maintenance Code."  
(Ord. No. 01-9416, § 5, 12-5-01)

#### Sec. 106-251. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to establish minimum standards for the maintenance, upkeep and appearance of improved or unimproved premises; to minimize impacts of construction; and to provide a just, equitable and practicable method to preclude:

- (1) Residential and commercial buildings, structures and premises from causing and/or endangering the life, limb, health, property, safety or welfare of the general public or their occupants; or
  - (2) Diminished property values; or
  - (3) Detracting from the appropriate appearance of the residential area by way of example:
    - a. Failure to remove abandoned property; litter or debris; or
    - b. Failure to cut and/or remove the accumulation of weeds, grass or uncultivated vegetation.
- (Ord. No. 01-9416, § 5, 12-5-01)

Sec. 100-259. Maintenance of property; unsightly conditions.

(a) *Maintenance of property; unsightly conditions.* The following conditions are hereby deemed to be unsightly conditions and are prohibited. The following conditions are prohibited on any premises in the city:

- (1) Structures that are (a) partially destroyed or (b) left in a state of disrepair or (c) left in a state of partial construction beyond the valid timeframe of the permit.
- (2) Abandoned or broken equipment; broken or discarded furniture and household appliances in visible yard areas.
- (3) Building exteriors in a condition of deterioration or disrepair that the condition causes measurable diminution of surrounding property values.

- (4) Property exteriors with trash, litter, debris, packing boxes, lumber, construction material, solid waste, horticulture debris, salvage materials, appliances, machinery, equipment and any furniture, excluding furniture specifically designed for outdoor use. Failure to maintain the premises in a clean, safe and sanitary condition is a violation. The owner and operator shall keep that part of the exterior property subject to its control or occupancy in a clean and sanitary condition.

(5) Clothes lines visible from the street

(6) Garbage and trash containers stored in a manner visible from the street.



## Welcome New Royal Harbor Association Members

Paul & Sue Ruffin  
1809 Kingfish Road

Wade & Dee Pollard  
2100 Shad Court - 348-9353

Klaus & Gisela Brzeski  
1498 Marlin Drive — 732-1845

Nancy & Jay Bunnell  
1250 Wahoo Court - 262-6909

Terry & Rhonda Forshier  
1730 Sandpiper St. — 732-1238

Thomas & Lisa Drasites  
1448 Marlin - 574-7442

Desmond & Jennifer Hussey  
2136 Snook Drive - 263-0138

WILLIAM & DOLORES  
PFISTER  
1700 Sandpiper  
Street 774-7483

LARRY & EILEEN  
NEWMARK  
1427 Marlin Drive  
775-6002

Janet Kliefoth & Richard  
Mellema  
1525 Bonita Lane - 774-5645

Richard & Robin Dugan  
1875 Snook Drive - 530-0418

Henry & Marianne Filkoski  
2340 Snook Drive

Cassandra & Joanne Giddens  
2515 Tarpon Road - 261-4699

Anthony & Tiffany Del Duca  
2002 Kingfish Road - 530-  
7688

Joseph & Rosemarie  
Tranchina  
2165 Trout Court - 775-2966

Nelson & Sandy Bordeau  
1835 Snook Drive &  
1693 Bonita Court - 598-3138

BILL & PAULA POWELL  
1300 Marlin Drive 774-0621

## Neighborhood Watch Notes

At a recent meeting of the Royal Harbor Board, Officer Drew McGregor of the Naples Police Department, whose responsibility includes Royal Harbor, outlined some of his observations and recent incidents in our neighborhoods.

While our area has been relatively quiet, there have been robbery incidents. As might be expected in a boating community, the most frequent occurrences involved material stolen from boats, such as fishing tackle and electronics.

While Officer McGregor agrees that a security light in the area of the dock is somewhat of a deterrent, there are miscreants who seem to take the presence of security lights as a dare and rob in spite of them. The safest measure is to take removeable gear such as tackle and electronics off the boat and lock it up in a secure area. (Even if,

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# 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 jugc, 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***

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as he says, "It's a pain to do so")

The most telling item he found in patrolling our neighborhood, was the frequency of garage doors being left wide open at night. He described having frequently observed an open door, approaching the garage, where there were no security lights or motion-detector, and entering the garage and walking around before ringing the doorbell to ask that the garage be closed.

The clear conclusion to be drawn from this is that we are lax in our own actions that should be taken for increased security. Let's not make Officer McGregor's job tougher. Make that last minute check and close the garage door before retiring.

It's bad enough to become a victim. Don't invite it yourself by making it easy for the burgler!



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