

The *Royal Harbor* Pilot  
ASSOCIATION

Spring 2004

**ROYAL HARBOR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEMBERS and OFFICERS**

**President:** John Highland  
nfn18547@naples.net

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Eric Watler  
yewat@atlantic.net

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** William Schmidt  
WSch101022@aol.com

**Secretary:** Isabelle Edwards

**Treasurer:** Fraser Smithson  
fraser\_smithson@yahoo.com

**Ass't Sec'y:** Catherine Flanagan

**Ass't Treasurer:** David Lamberson  
cpalawyer@aol.com

**Robert Brown**  
wfarm1@juno.com

**David Capito**  
dcapito@comcast.net

**Tim Jenkins**  
tnmijenkins@aol.com

**Jon Kukk**  
jkrooster@earthlink.net

**Lenore Morrill**  
lmorrill@aol.com

**Jackie Snider**  
sniderhojac@aol.com

**Edward Thieme**  
edthieme@naples.net

**Don Wirth**  
djow319@aol.com

**Annual Meeting**

Held at the Naples Depot on January 12 th. Guest Speakers were Mayor Bonnie Mckenzie, City Manager Bob Lee, Police Officer Drew McGregor, and Marine Officer Steve Walden. After a presentation of the proposed Ruffina/Naples Bay Marina developement, Directors were elected for 2004-2006. Reports were given and a hand vote approved new entrance signs.

**Directors elected for three Year Terms**

John Highland  
David Lamberson  
Fraser Smithson  
Jackie Snider  
Edward Thieme

**January Directors Meeting**

Officers elected for 2004  
President John Highland  
1st Vice President Eric Watler  
2nd Vice President Bill Schmidt  
Secretary Isabelle Edwards  
Treasurer Frasier Smithson

**Priority Goals for 2004**

Emphasis on safety and security—  
Clean waterways  
Neighborhood Watch—  
New entrance signs  
More Cul de sacs improved—  
Control of auto and boat speeding

# Beautification and Civic Improvements Committee

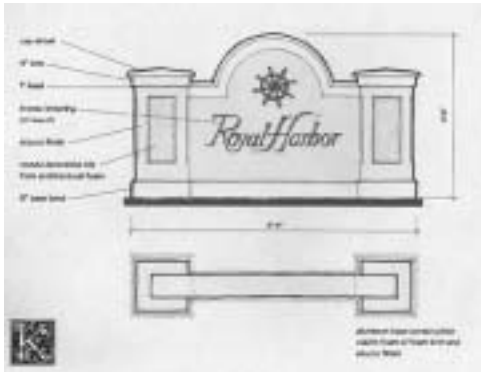
Don Wirth, Chairman.

## Sandpiper Streetscape Master Plan

The committee and City staff have been discussing the concept of a streetscape master plan for over two years. The Oysterbay Association has also participated in those discussions. The objective is to have the plan approved and funded by the Naples City Council—and where the street right-of-way is in the county—approved by the county. It is intended that the plan would be an extension of the streetscape concept plan previously committed by the Ruffina and Boat Haven projects that extend south of the Sandpiper entrance at Highway 41 and Davis. Blvd.. Sandpiper residents will be requested to advise the planners on elements to be included in the plan. It is likely that there will be a multi-year funding to implement the streetscape plan

..... continued on page three .....

## Entrance Sign Improvements



### Marlin Entrance Proposal View South From Sandpiper

The drawings above depict the proposed design for the sign at the Marlin Street entrance. A similar version is planned for the Dolphin Road entrance. The Committee is working on obtaining estimates and bid quotations with a view toward construction and installation of the two signs this Summer.

Architectural Renderings courtesy Jon Kukuk

## Around the Neighborhood

"Can I have that in a Doggie Bag, please?"



Visitors to the "mini-park at Sandpiper/41 may have noticed a recent addition. The City has placed a plastic bag dispenser there for the use of pet owners walking their pet without the requisite cleanup accessories.

Would similar installations in Royal Harbor relieve some of our continuing "doggie-doo" problem? Let us know what you think.

## Cul-de-sac Improvements

Recently the City completed the first phase of a three year plan to upgrade all cul-de-sacs in Royal Harbor. The committee worked with City staff and area residents to implement improvements of cul-de-sacs at Snook Drive, Shad Court, Tarpon Road, Bonita Court and Trout Court. Cul-de-sacs of streets scheduled for improvement in 2004 are: Cobia Court, Mullet Lane, Kingfish Road, Marlin Drive and Bluefin Court.

Residents residing near each cul-de-sac will be asked to participate in design decisions.

### Entrance Signs

During the past year the committee and the Association board of directors have considered various requests by Association residents about possible improvements to the entrance signs at Marlin and Dolphin Road. A number of sign concepts were reviewed and refined by the Board. The favored concept was presented to the membership at the annual meeting in January. Consensus of those in attendance was that the basic sign concept is on target, with the inclusion of certain design refinements that were proposed by the membership. It is intended that quotations will be obtained to construct and install the two signs by early summer.

.....

## Waterways Committee - Bill Schmidt, Chairman

This is the time of year when our friends and relatives visit us in Naples. This is when we take care of some of the details we have been putting off.

While you are in the process, let us take a look at the back of our home, including the sea walls. Trim back the tree limbs or shrubs that may hang over your sea wall, so as not to hit passing boats or their antennas. *Look at your place from your neighbor's perspective!*

This would also be a good time to check if your house numbers, on your dock, are legible. These numbers are helpful to emergency calls as well as work crews entering from your canal.

.....

## Grievance Committee - Bob Brown, Chairman

**Attention dog owners!** You need to take charge of your dogs better. The lot we used for the picnic took several people **2 - 3 hours to clean up**, and they ended up with 1/3 of a large garbage bag of dog doo.

I see a lot of people walking their dogs with bags to pick it up, but also people that don't carry a bag. The law says you should have your dog on a leash all the time you are outside with it. If you are walking him at night you should still pick up after him.

Dogs seem to be the biggest problem we have.



**Naples' Dog Mess Solution ?**

## Neighborhood Watch - Tim Jenkins, Chairman

We, who live in Royal Harbor, are most fortunate to live in neighborhood that is as attractive and as free of crime and mischief as ours is. We have a great community, and it is the responsibility upon each of us, on an everyday basis, to make sure that it stays that way.

We all tend to look after our own individual property, that of the guy next door and that of a friend or two when they are away. When we are away -and for some of us for significant periods of time - we hope that our property is being looked after as well.

However, as good as we are I feel that we each need to be more conscious with respect to what is going on in our neighborhood. For instance when we see newspapers starting to pile up at the end of the driveway -rather than just thinking to ourselves that they must be away - why not stop and carry the newspapers up the driveway to a place where they can not be readily seen by passers-by, especially by someone who might be curious about the contents of a house with nobody home.

Continued on page five

## Legislation - Eric Watler, Chairman

Being knowledgeable in specifics of what you may and may not do according to Community standards is part of being a good neighbor. Two key sources will assist in providing information on requirements and restrictions, and the role of the Association as an agent working for Royal Harbor interests. The first is the Naples Code, Ordinances of the City of Naples. The second is the By-Laws of the Royal Harbor Association.

The By-Laws have been posted on our Web site, <http://royalharbor.naples.net>.

The Fall 2003 Pilot cited three important city ordinances that everyone should become familiar with: the Recreational Vehicle Storage Overlay District, Ordinances 01-9191 and 998681§1 ;the Parking Code, Ordinance 02-9488§1, and §4 and and the Property Maintenance Code, Ordinance 01-9416§5 Copies of these ordinances can be obtained at the City Clerk's office, or on the Web at <http://clerk.naplesgov.com>. If you click on Code of Ordinances you will get to a page where you can query the location you wish to read.

To simplify this process, direct links to key areas will be placed on the Royal Harbor Web site soon.

## Coming Events

### Neighborhood Garage Sale Proposed.

Several members have suggested that we hold a "Royal Harbor Neighborhood Garage Sale" as an activity this Spring. Several local communities have these events periodically, many of them taking on the appearance of a "mini-fair"

Each participant would procure the necessary Naples Sale Permit and set up a sales area in their own driveway/lawn. The sale site would be marked by a uniform identifier, (Perhaps a cluster of colorful balloons).

Advertising and promotion for the event, as well as other administrative details, would be handled centrally by a committee

It has even been suggested that we might structure it as a fund-raising event to help defray the costs of upgrading our signs.

This could be a great adjunct to your Spring Cleaning, besides being lots of fun.

If you have thoughts, questions, suggestions, etc., regarding this idea, please contact Fraser Smithson at 793-5155, or e-mail [fraser\\_smithson@yahoo.com](mailto:fraser_smithson@yahoo.com)

Neighborhood Watch from page four

If you see a gushing sprinkler, why not call the owners and make sure they are aware of same. And houses look better when garage doors are closed. Why advertise to all who pass by that a garage without a car maybe a house whose owner is not at home!

There are a couple of other areas that merit our attention. First and probably foremost, is the speed that some drive on our neighborhood streets. We all know that the maximum speed is 30 MPH, slower if conditions dictate, such as neighbors walking or on bicycles and a vehicle is coming from the opposite direction. Being late and on your cellphone is no excuse! And driving fast because your car can go that fast should be rethought, as does the notion that speed and reckless driving will scare the undesirables from our streets. It is not the trade who are most to blame. It's us guys - so let's all slow down and make Royal Harbor streets safer.

Secondly, and probably most important is for each of us to be on the "watch" for anything that appears not quite right and out of the ordinary. Call Drew McGregor, our Naples Police Officer, on his direct line, 213-4864 or via the main number 213-4844. Be involved, and let's all of us watch out for our neighborhood! If it looks questionable, report it.

.....

## **Monsoon Rains Don't Dampen Picnic Enthusiasm**

The 26<sup>th</sup> Royal Harbor Annual Picnic took place on January 18, 2004. The weatherman was not on our side, it rained and there was lightning. Inspired by the idea of friendship and neighborhood togetherness, approximately 100 people braved the rain to enjoy themselves with friends, neighbors and good food under the big top. Many stated that the feast was the best yet. It consisted of pulled pork, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, cole slaw and brownies.

All who ventured out had a good time and the local elections were the conversation topic of the day.

## **News about the 2005 Royal Harbor Picnic**

The annual picnic had traditionally been held in late November or early December but since December is such a busy month for most it was decided to try having it in January. This seemed to fit the calendars of those who have commented on the change. The Royal Harbor Board will be voting to make this a permanent change in the next couple of months. If you have any pros, cons or just comments with this regard, please call, or drop a small note to Catherine Flanagan, [cflan@naples.net].

From the current list of comments received this change seems to fit almost everyone's calendar and January seems to be a less busy month for most. So The Royal Harbor Homeowners Association is looking to permanently change the Annual Picnic to the Sunday before the Super Bowl each year. (There's no Pro Football on this day.) Once again if you have comments with this regard please do send or call them into Catherine Flanagan or any other board member.

# Royal Harbor Association

Income/Expense  
1/1/04 Through 2/16/04

Category Description	1/1/04- 2/16/04
<b>INCOME</b>	
Member Dues	1,470.00
Picnic Income	1,231.50
T- Shirts Income	20.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,721.50</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Uncategorized	0.00
Florida Uniform Business Report	61.25
Picnic Expense	1,796.55
Printing Expense	89.31
Utilities- Electric Lights	59.67
TO Insurance Reserve	4,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,006.78</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-3,285.28</b>

**Account Balances**  
(Includes unrealized gains)  
As of 2/16/04

Account	2/16/04 Balance
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Insurance Reserve	4,000.00
Royal Harbor Checking Account	11,846.66
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>15,846.66</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>15,846.66</b>

Welcome New Members to  
Royal Harbor Association

Jim & Chris Thompson  
1520 Sandpiper St.  
793-0774

Jason & Jennifer Stephens  
1680 Dolphin Ct.  
597-6372

Bob & Joyce Rice  
1555 Dolphin Lane  
436-6646

Steve & Patricia Kinney  
1409 Dolphin Road  
732-0064

Thad & Tina Gulliford  
2120 Shad Court  
774-1791

Mr. James B. Kuhlman  
2110 Sheepshead  
774-5894

Jerry & Mari-Bea Warnken  
2071 Sevilla Way  
Naples, FL 34109



Post Office Box 2532  
Naples, Florida 34106-2532

