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## President's Message:

As the new president of the Royal Harbor Association Board, I want first to take this opportunity to personally thank John Highland for the tremendous job he did as President for the last two years. He has set an example that will be hard to emulate. So thanks John, from all of us in Royal Harbor.

We have also had a large turnover on the board; we wish to thank Bill Schmidt, Catherine Flanagan, and Isabel Edwards for their great contributions to the board. But more importantly we are about to lose the member of the board who has for many years done a phenomenal job of handling the membership issues with all the data files, the Directory and getting information to all the new members. This is of course Jackie Snider. Jackie and Howard are moving from Royal Harbor in April and both will be missed. Thanks to both of you for being good friends and neighbors.

We hope you will all welcome the new board members, Tim Forshier, Dave Gardner, Jack Graser, Jean Sneed, and Nancy Lockwood. The elected officers for 2005 are:

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So now you know who to call if you have questions or problems!

While the year is young, several things are underway that are of interest to our neighborhood

A. Street Striping: It was proposed at the annual meeting that we should consider having the City line the streets to improve the ability to see

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the lanes at night. The Board had George Archibald, the City Traffic Engineer, and Officer Ralph Anthony our neighborhood Officer, at our most recent board meeting to review the pro and cons of striping. After much discussion the board did not support it. The reasons being the lack of accidents, the maintenance of the lines, and the general feeling that it reduced the neighborhood "feel".

B. 25 MPH speed limit: During the summer residents on Snook successfully petitioned the City to lower their speed limit to 25 MPH. The State of Florida's general residential speed limit is 30 MPH. The City can change this and there is currently a proposal from City Staff before the Council to change the speed limit on all residential streets which aren't feeder streets (Sandpiper is a "feeder street") to 25 MPH Citywide. Your Board voted to wait and see what position the City Council takes on the issue.

C. Sidewalks: Some residents have voiced an interest in sidewalks. As noted in the newspaper, the City is undertaking a procedure for sidewalks which has 4 categories in the following order of priority. Sidewalks are paid for by the City with federal funds

1. Filling in sidewalks which currently have small gaps less than 2 blocks.
2. Filling in sidewalks with gaps larger than 2 blocks.
3. Adding sidewalk on arterial streets that Council deems necessary.
4. All other based on a 50% plus one vote of the residents affected.

Obviously, if we were to request sidewalks it would be considered under category 4, and by all estimates of available monies, would be a long way off.

In the near future it is the Board's intention to pursue issues dealing with Code Enforcement (or lack of). Other projects and events are reported elsewhere in the Pilot.

Again be sure to call any of us to voice your concerns and remember anyone is welcome to attend Board meetings which are held monthly at the 5<sup>th</sup>3rd Bank building on Goodlette - Frank Road, at 10AM, the third Tuesday of each month. All of this and the individual board committees and members are listed in your Royal Harbor Directory.



## **Concerned About Your Neighborhood? Your Association Needs You**

As indicated in the President's message above, this past year has been one marked by the loss of the valued services of several Board members as their lives moved on to other endeavors. In a dynamic community such as ours, we can expect the future to bring more such losses.

That is why it is important for your Board of Directors to know who might be interested in serving as a member. If you are interested in helping to keep Royal Harbor vital and responsive to the needs of residents, you are invited to contact any Board member and provide a short summary of experience and qualifications. It is important that we have an ongoing list of people who would be willing to serve.

# Landscape and Civic Improvements Committee—Don Wirth

—**Cul-de-sac maintenance.** Improvements have been completed at all locations where interested neighbors requested landscape and infrastructure upgrades. Residents are advised to contact the City of Naples, if your area cul-de-sac requires maintenance. Call the Public Works Department at 213-4745 for irrigation problems and the Community Services Department at 213-4745 for landscaping issues. Your vigilance is important.

—**Sandpiper streetscape master plan.** The Board has continued to meet with City staff concerning the future extension of streetscape improvements from the commercial development at Sandpiper/41 intersection down to Blue Point. It is proposed that the improvement will be extended the remaining length of Sandpiper in the future. Residents are urged to watch for an announcement by the City for a public information and input meeting.

—**Dolphin Road entrance sign.** Foundation and core stone work is completed. Trim, lettering, lighting and landscaping is to follow in the near future.

—**Property appearance.** There is a small number of residents with property maintenance deficiencies. The problem is usually landside, but there is also an occasional deficiency involving boats and docks. We are all encouraged to help protect our collective interest of a beautiful and well maintained community.



**Dredging of Haldeman Creek** has been scheduled by Collier County. The project limits will extend to a point near the end of Snook Dr. For additional information call the Project Manager in the Collier County Stormwater Dept.

# Legislation - Eric Watler, Chairman

We had the opportunity to ask questions of Congressman Connie Mack during his meeting at City Hall and he impressed us with his dedication to get moving the 1- 75 widening program.

He has followed up with a flier requesting our questions and comments on 1- 75 and any other transportation matters.

He represents us on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee in Washington responsible for this program and already has been able to assist in speeding up the program funding. (Florida has 4 of 74 members currently on the committee)

Please let him know exactly what you think about 1- 75.

His Naples office phone is 774-8035 fax 774-8065  
Washington Office phone is (202)-225-2536 fax (202)-226-0439  
Internet: <http://www.house.gov/mack/>



## Street Light Maintenance

A recent inspection tour by Board members revealed several non-working streetlights, some, reportedly, for an extended period. As a safety issue, this information was forwarded to our City contacts for follow-up with FP&L. One of our Association member residents, Al Sneed, after finding that nothing gets done by FP&L until the Maintenance group gets a work order, suggests the following as a means of speeding up corrective action:

### Attention Homeowners

#### Albert Sneed

If your street light doesn't operate properly, you should get the 11-digit number from the side of that telephone pole on the street ( numbers are embossed on a metal tag ) and call FPL at 226-3545 or the phone number that appears on your electric bill. In this area our numbers on the pole all begin with 7-3679\_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ The last six numbers that you will find there will give the location of the light in question. FPL will come out within five (5) working days to repair the light. Since the lighting is one of our best securities, we all want to have all working properly.



## GUILTY?



**Most Ignored STOP**  
(Marlin/Tarpon/Snook)



**2<sup>nd</sup> Most Ignored STOP**  
(Marlin/Sandpiper)

## Sea walls

Seawalls if properly maintained and corrected can last a long time. Some sea Walls in our area are failing and the following is a short summary of the early signs of Sea Wall failure. Understanding what is going on and early detection and correction can prevent total failure of the wall.

First Sea Walls should have a "French Drain". This is a 2 foot wide by 2 foot deep layer of rock between the wall and the dirt in the yard. The wall should have holes in it about 2 feet down. These are drain holes called "Weep Holes". The combination of the rock and holes are the "French Drain". Rain falls is collected in the rocky area and is drained out the holes. This system prevents the water collecting between the wall and the yard and literally pushing the concrete wall out.

This pushing can occur at the top or the bottom of the wall. If you notice your sea wall starting to toe out at the bottom you know that the water has pushed the bottom out. This occurs usually because the canal has been dug out near the wall or the water has seeped out over time and washed away the mud holding the bottom of the wall in place.

If the top is pushing out then the bottom is holding and the pressure is forcing the top over. This can usually be the result of failure of the tie backs. Tie backs are metal rods that are attached to the top of the sea wall cap and extend 15 feet into the yard at about a 15 degree angle down and are held in place with a large buried 2 foot square cement blocks that are buried in the yard. Each panel has one of these. These can deteriorate over time and can be replaced.

If you notice cracks or rotation of the wall one of these problems may be occurring. If the bottom is moving out there are several ways of fixing. All of them have to do with adding material to the bottom of the wall to stop the movement. One popular solution is to just add rip rap or rock to the outside of the wall. You can see this done all along the bay front property walls.

Another option used is to drive pilings down along the sea wall. They go down from the cap and into the mud at the bottom of the canal. Since the cap on the wall has a lip sticking out there is usually a gap at the bottom between the piling and the wall. Bags of cement are wedged into these spaces and act as a wedge as they harden and they keep the wall from moving out.

Sometimes the sea wall will develop a horizontal crack. These occur when water has seeped into the cement through cracks and found the steel reinforcement rods in the cement wall itself. When these rust they expand and eventually crack the cement.

So now what? Check your sea wall. See if you have a rock barrier and the weep holes are not plugged. If you do not have this then keep watches for signs of the wall panel rotating, for cracks appearing or the panel separating or sliding.

If your cap is sliding it is probably the tie backs that have rusted out. You may need a new cap or new rods. Sometimes separation cracks can be patched or seams patched low to prevent further problems.

Lastly, if your wall is falling into the canal you may need a new seawall panel. This is better than letting the domino effect happen and total collapse of the wall will continue to spread.

I hope this helps you and prevents you from having a sea wall failure. The information in the summary came from research on the Web and from Collier Sea Wall Company. I am not an expert and relied on the expertise of others and summarized it to the best of my ability. Collier Sea Wall company is currently working on a sea wall in Royal Harbor, on Snook drive. If you need assistance or have other questions you can call for "Brian" 389 4700. He was very willing to share his knowledge.

Terry Forshier, Member, Waterways Committee

# Neighborhood Watch - Tim Jenkins, Chairman

Each of us to watch over our own property - our house, the yard, etc. - and try to keep it out of "harm's way. We tend to be conscious of some stranger present or something out of the ordinary, and feel that it is our responsibility to protect what is ours.

However, I would suggest that we all need to do more. Royal Harbor is a great community and we are all fortunate to be a part of it. Our Royal Harbor neighborhood is an extension of our own residential property, and as such it is our responsibility to keep it safe and free from harm.

No one needs to be reminded about last summer's hurricanes although many were not here. Even our Naples police force numbers were reduced due to greater needs elsewhere. Unfortunately there are those who try to take advantage of such situations to loot in neighborhoods where there are residents away and police protection is reduced.

This situation has prompted consideration of establishing a Neighborhood Watch team, with block captains, to cover like disasters in the future.



## ROYAL HARBOR ASSOCIATION, INC.

<b>STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
<b>FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004 and 2003</b>			
	2004	2003	2004 Increase (Decrease)
<b>CASH BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>15,131.94</b>	<b>11,353.00</b>	<b>3,778.94</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>			
MEMBER DUES	11,175.00	10,348.00	827.00
PICNIC-- (Held on 1-18-2004)	1,231.50		1,231.50
DIRECTORIES	5.00		5.00
LICENSE PLATE SALES	20.00		20.00
INTEREST INCOME	19.78	41.02	(21.24)
T-SHIRT SALES	100.00		100.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>12,551.28</b>	<b>10,389.02</b>	<b>2,162.26</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
PICNIC EXPENSE	1,885.57	208.35	1,677.22
ASSOCIATION DUES-(PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL)	100.00	100.00	-
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS	25.19	32.48	(7.29)
ENTRANCE PROJECT	2,316.87	22.19	2,294.68
FLAGS (3)	268.45	268.45	-
FLORIDA UNIFORM BUSINESS REPORT	61.25	61.25	-
GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	341.00	341.00	-
DIRECTORS & OFFICERS LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,332.48	2,185.00	147.48
MEETING ROOM RENTAL		185.50	(185.50)
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	18.52	48.59	(30.07)
POSTAGE EXPENSE	478.75	504.70	(27.95)
DIRECTORIES	1,441.07	931.16	509.91
PRINTING EXPENSE-OTHER	982.54	873.27	109.27
UTILITIES-ELECTRIC LIGHTS	239.91	260.89	(20.98)
WEB SITE	75.00	150.00	(75.00)
LICENSE PLATES FOR RESALE		437.25	(437.25)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>10,564.60</b>	<b>6,610.08</b>	<b>3,954.52</b>
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,986.68</b>	<b>3,778.94</b>	<b>(1,792.26)</b>
<b>CASH BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>17,118.62</b>	<b>15,131.94</b>	<b>1,986.68</b>
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES:</b>			
INSURANCE RESERVE	4,000.00	4,000.00	
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	13,118.62	11,131.94	
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<b>17,118.62</b>	<b>15,131.94</b>	

## Financial Statement for 2004

The table at right gives the statement of cash receipts and disbursements for year 2004 with a comparison to year 2003.

As indicated, picnic expenses were for the 2003 picnic, held on 1/18/04, due to Holiday scheduling difficulties. No picnic was scheduled for 2004.

# Welcome New Members to Royal Harbor Association

## NEW MEMBERS -2005

George & Katie Merriman, 2051 Snook Drive , 430-2228

Charles & Darlene Bertucci, 1553 Bonita Lane, 287-6998

Ms Norma Wright , lot at 1840 Kingfish Road

Wayde Seidensticker, Jr. 2190 Tarpon Rd 398-9800

Keith Miller, 1900 Snook Drive, 290-1967

William & Maria Gmeiner, 2100 Shad Court 404-0594

John & Linda Sontowski, 2301 Tarpon Dr.

Mark Fagan, 2455 Tarpon Road

Mark Cronk & Edward C.Park III, 1693 Bonita Ct. (540)-353-0303

Gordon & Nancy Short, 2191 Tarpon Rd., 304-1812

William Ferry & Patricia Patterson, 1310 Marlin Dr. 793-8255

Randy & Bonnie Peterson, 2037 Snook Drive 793-4929

Michael & Lori Smith, 2201 Shad Court 304-1764

Judy Henke & Ken Miesner, 1985 Snook Drive

Alfred and Linda Teti, 2060 Sandpiper St 732 8384  
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*(Editors Note: Information on some of the above new members and for the following existing members was not received in time for inclusion in the 2005 Royal Harbor Directory recently distributed. For a complete directory, please enter the information on the blank pages provided .)*

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# Around the Neighborhood



Cranesaurus Rex Rears His Ugly Head



Sign of the Presence



Royal Harbor or Royal Canyons?



Sign of the Future



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