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President's Message:

Well another season is almost over. We can see the thinning of the traffic as we approach another summer which we all hope will be free of hurricanes.

I want to let all you know what the straight "scoop" is on the Sandpiper street story including the City Park. Your board has been involved with the City and the Developer for almost 6 years. If you remember the whole plan was presented to you at the annual meeting in 2006 and has been discussed in the Pilot several times. While there have been minor changes and some timing changes, the plan has been pretty much the same from day one.

As a refresher, we have been working with the City to improve the landscaping and entrance features on Sandpiper since 2001. When Antaramian purchased the property across from the park and proposed his project he held several open house reviews, open to the public and we were all invited. Both the Oyster Bay board as well as your board met and voiced opinions several times. And both Antaramian and the City Staff were very receptive to our inputs. The win - win in this was Antaramian agreeing to re-do the park as well as landscape the East side of Sandpiper along the entire length of his project (to the bridge on Sandpiper) based on plans approved by the City, which saves the City thousands of dollars which could then be considered for the rest to the street project.

The use of golf carts to be operated by the resort (no private carts are to be allowed) was always in the plan and your board felt this was reasonable as long as the crossing was located so as to allow adequate sight lines for safety purposes. It makes sense because without the carts there will either be small buses or private cars running back and forth on US41 and Sandpiper or more walkers who may not be in shape to be walking .

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City of Naples Public Works Department


GARBAGE GAZETTE

All the News That is Fit to be Recycled December 2006

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**Residential
Garbage
Collection
Reminders:**

- Residents can place two (2) 30 gallon containers or three (3) 20 gallon containers beside their house or garage for collection. All other waste should be placed curbside on their normal collection day.
- All containers should weigh less than 30 pounds.
- Do not place anything of value on top of or near trash containers that is not garbage. It will be discarded with other trash when cans are emptied.
- Large items such as furniture or appliances can be picked up by calling 213-4700 and scheduling a collection.
- Additional fees apply for collection of construction or demolition debris.
- Trash containers or bags must be placed out by 7 a.m. on the day of collection. Collection will occur between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. But may vary depending on time of season or staffing.
- Liquid or hazardous wastes are not accepted.

Call 213-4700 for more information.



City of Naples Recycling "Weeee're Back" To serve you!!!!



Starting January 1, 2007 The City of Naples Solid Waste Division will resume collection of the city's recycling. In addition to adding recycling to our daily operation there will be no change in your collection day or time. We are committed to providing uninterrupted recycling service during the transition. Residents are reminded to place recycling bins beside the curb by 7 a.m. on the morning of collection. To serve you more effectively please separate paper/fiber items from commingled items (See below). Cardboard boxes that cannot fit into the bin should be flattened and placed beside the container. For more information call 213-4700



Recycle These Items...

Commingled Items

- Aluminum cans
- Tin cans
- Glass bottles & jars
- Plastic containers #1 to #7

Paper / Fiber Products

- Fiberboard containers
- Magazines
- Junk mail
- Office paper
- Phone books
- Paper envelopes
- Newspapers & Inserts
- Cardboard Boxes

For your convenience a 2nd recycling bin may be obtained to separate commingled and Paper/Fiber products
Call 213-4700



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 50 RIVERSIDE CIRCLE
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www.naplesgarbage.com

Disaster Plans Include Fido?

With hurricane season fast approaching, make sure you include plans for pets, should you have to evacuate. They cannot be accommodated in designated shelters for Collier County. Department of Animal Services and Collier County Humane Society suggest making arrangements with your Vet or taking them with you if you leave the area.



Speed On The Water

Living in our water-rimmed community gives us great benefits and pleasures. Sometimes the parallel responsibilities are forgotten. Frequently, our canals are assaulted by wakes coming from vessels- fishing boats,



cruisers, wave runners, whatever - entering or leaving at a rate of speed that rolls boats against the docks and pilings, and probably causing invisible damage to the sea walls.

Often, the operators are youngsters, running with their typical youthful enthusiasm, but even more mature (?) operators are guilty at times, of focusing more on "me" than "us" and go whizzing by.

Remember this rule: *If you are traveling faster than you would going by the Marine Patrol boat in the Bay "no wake" zone, You are going too fast for in the canal.*

Halderman's Creek Dredging goes Forward page three

The dredging of Halderman Creek, which began this past fall, should be completed by Mid-April pending County acceptance. The project is divided into five areas.

- § Area #1 East of Bayshore Bridge, Main Channel, and Finger Canals
- § Area #2 Main Channel - County
- § Area #3 Main Channel - City
- § Area #4 North Finger Canals
- § Area #5 South Finger Canals

The area east of Bayshore is being dredged to -2' depth. The rest of the area is being dredged to -5' depth.

The main channel is being dredged to a width of 40' and the location is partially determined by restrictions imposed by mangroves and oyster beds along the shoreline.

The Finger Canals are being dredged to a width of 20'.

Once the dredging is completed and has been accepted by the County, seven channel markers will be placed along Halderman Creek.

The areas that will be dredged in the city of Naples in Royal Harbor extend from Sandpiper Street to Snook Dr. The remaining portion of the channel to the Gordon River was surveyed and determined to already be -5' deep, so there is no further dredging planned in this area.

The one area of concern for boaters is the fact that the permit the County has does not allow for the removal of any cap rock. This means some spots along Halderman Creek where there is cap rock will not be dredged to -5' depth.

Waterway committee,
Dave Capito, Chairman
Terry Forshier



President's Message *(continued from page one)*

The park plan is beautiful, and required removing trees that City arborist determined were not going to live long due to hurricane damage. The proposed sign will show Royal Harbor and Oyster Bay emblems as well as Antaramian's development and of course the main feature will be the City of Naples name and seal. Additional signs in the park will honor the various winning sport teams both to date and in the future.

Fraser Smithson

Landscape & Civic Improvements Committee—Don Wirth

Swale Improvements. The City has a program to remove the concrete flumes (swales) that exist on some twenty-eight easements between properties in Royal Harbor. The swales will be sodded. The improvements will be scheduled over a multi-year plan based on available funding. Some have already been replaced. Call the Engineering Manager, Gregg Strakaluse at 213-5000, if you wish your concrete flume to be placed on the current list for removal.

Stop Sign Maintenance. A City contractor is cleaning, repairing and painting signs scheduled to start the week of March 26th in Royal Harbor.

Street Resurfacing. As part of its ongoing five year pavement management program, the City has identified Kingfish Rd. for '07 micro-surfacing.

Sandpiper Street Improvements. After nearly six years of discussions, the City has retained a professional engineering firm to prepare bid plans, specifications and contract documents and construction administration for Sandpiper right-of-way improvements. The scope of the project will include: producing an existing conditions survey, designing street drainage, designing road improvements and making right-of-way (landscaping) improvements.

The improvements will extend south from current improvements that are being completed by private contractors at the Sandpiper/Davis/41 entrance to Marlin Dr. on the southend. It is expected that the City will conduct public input meeting during the fall of '07, with the phased improvements likely to start in '08.

Right-of-way Palms. A limited number of right-of-way palms are scheduled for planting during '07 in Royal Harbor.

Property Maintenance-Vacant Lots. The City code is expected to be amended that will require owners of vacant lots to keep the lots free from dry vegetation, accumulation of weeds, grass and uncultivated vegetation. Any grass or weeds shall not exceed eight inches. Final version of the amended code with all the details is available at the City Hall. The change is intended to eliminate the visual blight that some times exist at vacant lot sites.

Cul-de-sacs. The City has placed new mulch at all cul-de-sacs.

Your Neighborhood and Ours

We wish to bring to your attention the City and County Code violations that are the source of major complaints that your Board and the City receive from your fellow residents. The specific ordinances are listed below and can be reviewed in detail on either the City or County web sites. We also plan to list them on the RH website. The following are violations of these codes.

- People who don't pick up after their dogs.
- People who don't keep their dogs on leashes.
- People who don't keep up their property's appearance and/or have their trash or garbage cans visible from the street.
- People who park trailers, RV's boats etc. in their yard either front, side, or back for more than 48hours.
- People who don't follow the proper dates or times to water their lawns.

Please make yourself aware of these ordinances and what they call for because it can keep you from getting an expensive ticket. The City police force as well as all City employees are being trained and authorized to enforce code violations. so chances are there will be many more tickets issued in the future.

The specific ordinances are:

County Ordinance

Sec. 14-36. Prohibited on beaches; running at large; specific locales; female dogs; chasing vehicles; damage to property; vicious dogs; nuisance, abandonment; confined in unattended motor vehicle.

Details can be found on the Internet at:

<http://www.municode.com/Resources/gateway.asp?pid=10578&sid=9>

City Ordinances

Sec. 16-289. Unsightly conditions.

Sec. 56-85. Boat, personal recreational vehicle and trailer storage

Sec. 30-68. Year-round landscape irrigation restrictions.

Details can be found on the Internet at:

<http://www.municode.com/Resources/gateway.asp?pid=13804&sid=9>

Editors note: Please see related article on page six.

Good Neighbor Group An Idea for Consideration

We would like to form a Good Neighbor Group in Royal Harbor to promote safety and security in our neighborhood and to help neighbors who may need assistance.

What is a good neighbor?

A good neighbor, above all, is one that places his or her self importance in its proper perspective with regard to others in the neighborhood, This means that each of us should strictly obey our 25 mph speed limit regardless of time of day or the urgency of our mission. If we must use the cell phone while driving, we should keep in mind that its use is a distraction and greater care needs to be exercised. If children should be playing in the street, greater caution is obviously required regardless of any feeling that they should not be doing so. If you smoke while driving, a good neighbor remembersthat smoking is also a distraction and that ashes and extinguished cigarette butts should be kept within your vehicle and not just discarded on the road because it keeps your car cleaner. Furthermore, a discarded cigarette still lit is a real fire hazard, especially now during our very dry conditions.

What would a Good Neighbor Group do?

Things that a good neighbors routinely do:

1. They keep a watchful eye over the properties in their immediate area looking for things, such as unread newspapers piling up in the driveway, trash and/or recycling containers scattered about that might suggest that there may be a problem and the need for checking with the neighbor.
2. If the neighbor is a dog owner, that the dog is on a leash when off the property and not in a car or on a boat, and that any mess is removed from a neighbor's property.
3. That if you are going to be away, that you let another neighbor know when you are leaving and for how long, and how you can be reached if the need arises.
4. Above all they care about the other neighbors.

We are a comfortable community, but it makes sense to find out from the local police (Ralph, who is the Naples Police officer assigned to Royal Harbor) what we can do to ensure a safer neighborhood. This information would be disseminated to all the people in Royal Harbor.

Royal Harbor has a wonderful mix of young families, baby boomers and older people. All have special needs. The good neighbor group would help to make all of us more sensitive to anyone nearby who may need assistance or looking after - for example, it is important to notice whether elderly folks are out and about, and whether youngsters are safe from traffic.

We are a boating community. Good neighbors would inform someone of their schedule, and good neighbors would check up if boaters did not return as scheduled, or if weather turned stormy.

We are a seasonal community. It makes sense to tell someone when you will be gone on a trip, or for the summer. Good neighbors would keep an eye out for unusual events.

These are preliminary thoughts. If you have suggestions and/or are willing to help, please get in touch with

Al Sneed 775-2223 jrs1402@comcast.net or
Al can be reached year round at the above number.



Golf Cart Use Clarification

Discussions regarding the planned use of golf carts at Naples Bay Resorts, (The Antaramian projects on Sandpiper and at the former site of Boat Haven) prompted the question "What are the laws regarding these vehicles?" Chief Morales of Naples Police and Emergency Services Department provided the following information:

The law regarding golf carts/ electric vehicles:

The Laws regarding these vehicles are separate:

1. Golf carts may only be permitted when authorized by city council on specific streets, which must be posted with appropriate signs indicating golf carts are authorized for use on this particular roadway. Golf carts are not permitted to drive on any other roadway.

2. Low speed vehicles (electric 4-wheeled vehicles whose top speed must be at least 20 mph, and not greater than 25 mph) are automatically permitted on roadways where speed limit is less than 35 mph (most roads within city), providing they have the required equipment (brake lights, turn signals, rear view mirrors, windshields, seatbelts, etc.). They may be prohibited from city streets if the council enacts an ordinance prohibiting them in the interest of safety.

Note that golf carts are permitted only on streets approved by Council. (Ever see a golf cart on Royal Harbor streets?)

Naples Bay Resorts plans call for the operation of golf carts only by trained staff personnel. No private carts will be permitted.

Water Management at home

What more can I do? I already restrict my lawn-watering to the odd/even day requirements, have efficient bathroom fixtures and even "shower with a friend". Well, you might be surprised. Did you know nearly 90% of all water is used for irrigation - lawn and agricultural. When only home use is considered, it's still 70%. So this is the area where small changes in usage can result in big savings.

Doing something to conserve water has become even more important. During the preparation of this newsletter, City of Naples and Collier County have imposed as of 04/13 Phase II Water Restrictions, which mean, lawn watering on only two days per week, plus limits on car/boat washing, and more.

Through South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), homeowners can avail themselves with a free service from MI Ls, the Mobil Irrigation Labs service. The MI Ls, specialized labs on wheels, evaluate the effectiveness of irrigation systems and make recommendations on how the system can be made more efficient.



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For more information on the Urban Mobil Irrigation Lab, or to schedule a FREE evaluation, contact Bill Gaddis at (239) 455-4100 or at cswcdmil@yahoo.com



Upcoming community activities

We are all set for the annual Snook Drive/Halloween Trick or Treat parade on October 31. Put it on your calendar and come and meet some of your neighbors.

If there is enough interest we are looking at a garage sale in January or February 08. We have been talking about a picnic if we can find a proper time and place to hold the event. If you have any questions or ideas please give Nancy Lockwood a call at 793-3221.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The City of Naples has implemented a program, CERT, to augment disaster response by our community professional emergency teams through volunteer, trained citizen teams.

The CERT program is a *FREE* course offered by the City of Naples, which educates people on disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area.

GOAL:

For emergency personnel to train members of the community in basic skills. **CERT** members are then integrated into the emergency response capability for their area.

If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the community's professional response, **CERT** members can assist others by applying the basic response and organizational skills that they learned during training.

CERT Participants receive specialized training in the following:

- Fire Safety and Suppression
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Light Search and Rescue Operations
- Team Organization
- Incident Command System
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism
- Disaster Preparedness



Your Board regards this program as very important, and voted unanimously to participate. Board member Al Sneed is already immersed in the nine week training program. In order to get more Royal Harbor residents involved in this program, we are working with the City to set up a group training program.

This will be an intense program, compressing the nine week schedule into six four-hour days across two weeks. Training has been scheduled for May 14, 16, and 18, and the next week, May 21, 23, and 25. Sessions will run from 9AM to Noon.

We are planning on a group of ten trainees. The timing of Hurricane season suggests that year-round residents would, perhaps, make the best candidates for CERT training. If you are interested in participating in this special program, or wish further information, please contact Nancy Lockwood at 793-3221, or e-mail her at nanseajo@comcast.net.

Membership Report

The membership renewal is underway for the 2007 year. We hope to get everyone in Royal Harbor listed as a member this year. Plans are underway to do two mailings to residents and then follow up by board members to ask for everyone's participation.

So... Why should you join the Association?

Your neighborhood association speaks for you to the city and the county. Every month the city of Naples sends a manager and neighborhood police officer to our association meetings to give us information from the city and to carry our ideas, comments and requests back to the city. With out this exchange you might not have the subdivision you see today.

Every month the Royal Harbor Association is represented in a city wide (and a separate county wide) assembly of association presidents to discuss and share common problems solutions, and things of interest. This exchange and sharing helps get our voice to the elected officials making all these "codes" rules and regulations that affect our neighborhoods.

No, we do not take controversial stands on issues like Speed Zones on the Bay or inject ourselves into City problems like the Dolphin Street "chord rule" controversy. What we do is try to get issues like resolving the dredging of Haldeman's Creek to the Bay done, to encourage the city in getting landscaping done on Sandpiper Street. We try to get our Entry signs redone and landscaped and swales replaced or repaired to just name a few of last year's projects. We try to encourage a community feeling by having the all Royal Harbor garage Sale, the "Trick or Treat" night and the Community picnic.

Coming up are the new proposed regulations on renting.. both boat slips and homes, the Sandpiper street landscaping issue, a city-wide tree replacement program, the Naples Bay project and sea wall proposal, and on and on. Our members are heard on these issues by the board members reporting to the city. The more members we have, the more the city listens. We need every owner to be a member.

Please join up now, only \$50.00 a year and that covers the entry signs (we paid for those) the lights and irrigation there, the holiday decorations, mailings to members, the membership booklets, the newcomer packages, and much more..

Terry Forshier..Membership Chairman



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