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# What's Happening at Wiggins

"Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day." Dalai Lama



### MEET JILL GALLOWAY OUR NEW PROPERTY MANAGER/COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGER (CAM)

Originally from Indianapolis Indiana, Jill owned Galloway Cleaning Service for 30 years. Active on her Association Board there, she worked to upgrade the playground, was a swim mom, and organized the 4th of July parade and fundraiser.

In 2012 she moved to Florida with her two children to be closer to her sister. Upon arrival, she organized a home watch business and worked at Marco Escapes, a luxury rental company. Then in 2018 she relocated to Naples. Now Jill is a CAM and working for Resort Management. On the weekends she enjoys cooking, boating with her sister, and spending time with her adult children.

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As CAM, Jill provides administrative support to the Board, works with the vendors and contractors, deals with compliance issues, and works with Association and owners maintenance issues.

Jill will be on site in the Clubhouse and touring the grounds Monday through Friday from 10-2. Visit the Clubhouse and meet Jill when you can!

#### **APRIL 2024** PAGE 2 Message from our BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Gary Doyle President



Thank you all for your support at our first Board meeting. We are committed to working together as a team to keep moving our wonderful Wiggins community forward. We so appreciated your questions and comments during the meeting and in the days following the meeting as we have all walked around the community. Our official meeting minutes will be posted on our website, but we wanted to recap a few key points for you.

We hope you all have had the opportunity to meet Jill, our new CAM. She is onsite Monday through Friday from 10-12 either in the Clubhouse

Vice President



Tom Wennogle Secretary



Dave Lyle Treasurer



projects around community improvements, Howard London several Director investigating soundproofing for the Clubhouse.



Mike Wolfe Director

We thank you for your patience as we try to make our community green again! And we are grateful to all of you who have stepped up in so many ways to help our Wiggins community. Whether it has been through participating on committees, organizing social events, or helping a neighbor, your commitment to Wiggins matters - thank you!

Are you receiving the email blasts from Wiggins Lakes & Preserve? If not, go to the website wlpnaples.com Then go to the Owners Section, scroll down and click on "Sign Up for Email Blasts."

Sue Szachowicz or walking around the property. Her primary responsibilities include

providing administrative help to the Board, vendor and contractor management, dealing with compliance Issues, and assisting with owner and Association Maintenance items.

To make our Board as efficient as possible, each Board member will take the lead on certain issues. Gary will deal with the Sale and Lease issues and ARC forms, as well as being the point person with Jill on many community issues. Sue has the lead on communication and serves as the liaison with the Communication and Social Committees. Dave, as Treasurer, keeps our financials in order and is also the Board liaison to the Landscaping Committee. Tom is taking the point on Maintenance issues and will work closely with Jill on this. The Document Project is being headed up by Howard and has taken on the challenge of reviewing the proposed new documents and suggesting clarification and/or changes so that our community make our documents current and aligned to Florida law. And Mike will lead including

### APRIL 2024 Wiggins Spotlight: Meet Our Original Owners PAGE 3 Hank and Martha Boulanger

After Hank and Martha lost their first spouses, they found each other and were married in 1992. In the early '90's, Hank and Martha Boulanger would camp in their travel trailer in a campground east of US 41. They frequently rode their bikes around the area and came upon the wide-open spaces of Wiggins Lakes and Preserve.



The bulldozers, front end loaders, back-hoes, and graders had been here and scoured out the lakes and put that soil where the housing units would be built to raise them another five to six feet above sea level. The banyan trees were at the entrance but all other trees were newly planted. Everything else was barren.

Hank and Martha moved here from Versailles, Kentucky. Hank grew up in Mass. and Rhode Island and was transferred to Kentucky when he was an Engineer with Texas Instruments. Martha had moved around the country from West Virginia to Indiana to Illinois to Kentucky with her parents when her father worked for Standard Oil of Ohio.

On Thanksgiving Day in 1995 Hank and Martha moved to Wiggins, and Hank soon became the handyman around here. He would fix and repaint the signs for our complex and would hang storm doors. Martha volunteered for the many events at the clubhouse. She is still a member of the original Literary Ladies of Wiggins Lakes Book Club.

In the early years, there was turmoil on our Board because the developers controlled half (3) of the Board seats, so Hank ran for a seat and won. There are reports of fisticuffs but no duels as having occurred! Hank's signature is on some of those early condo documents. If you see Hank and Martha, be sure to say "hello" to our delightful 'young' neighbors.

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675 Wiggins Lake Drive, 1995







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The original ad in the Naples Daily News, Sunday, April 9, 1995

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## **The Avow Donation Truck Was a Wonderful Success**



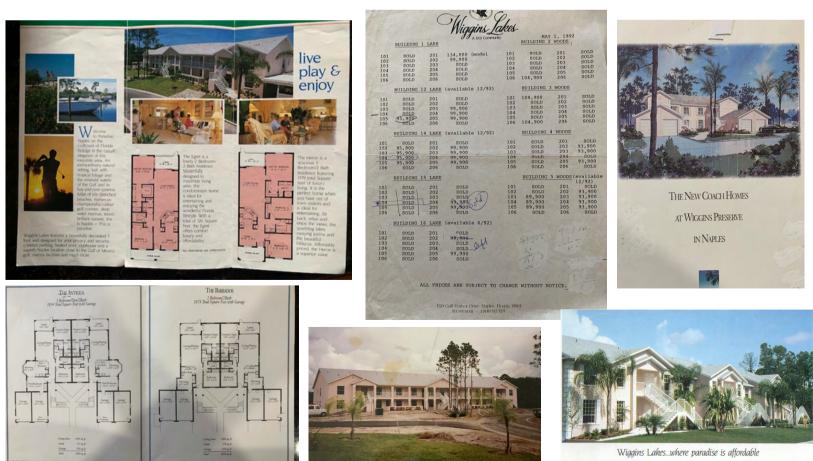
On Saturday, March 9, the Avow Treasures Donation Truck came to our Clubhouse to accept donations of furniture, clothes, and household items from our Wiggins community. Our generous residents filled up the truck and the Avow team was pleased. This will become an annual event for us!



Avow is a wonderful Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in Naples. Gary Doyle and his wife Kathy volunteer with Avow and arranged for the donation truck to visit Wiggins. Avow has many volunteer opportunities available so if you are interested in volunteering, contact Gary and Kathy, or you can reach out to Avow directly at:

#### avowcares.org

### Memories of Wiggins... Our original advertising - want to buy???



## Landscaping Update from Lynn Radicello and Don Rodner

With much cheering, trees arrived on March 19 and the replanting of Wiggins Lakes and Preserves commenced! The first priorities of surrounding many mechanicals, privacy fencing along Gulf Harbor and Pam Am, and trees were undertaken. Meanwhile, design work continues for the next phase which will address the of fronts of buildings. More good news is that the salinity of the lakes continues to decrease. Moving forward!

Because many of you may have headed back north, we are devoting two pages of pictures for you to enjoy the new beauty of Wiggins!

### Some BEFORE and AFTER pictures:





Building # 765



Building # 434





Building # 688





Building #741



Building # 781



Building # 773

### Some pictures from around the community:







## Landscaping Pictures - Continued...

























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## **The Document Project Update**

Thanks are in order to the Document Project team which has been charged with reviewing the proposed new governance documents and suggesting clarifications and/or changes. When the vote to accept the new documents failed in February at the Annual meeting, it was clear that many owners had concerns about the changes in the new documents. The team of Howard London (chair), Karen Grossbier, Dave Hunter, Sue Jonas and Terry Weiner have now reviewed the new proposed documents and met with Attorney Joe Adams who provided his valuable counsel on why particular changes were needed and what the laws require. The committee will present recommendations at a Town Hall in the fall and Attorney Adams will be present to answer questions. Owners will have time to review all of the new documents before a vote will be held at a future Board Meeting.

## Snowbirds - As you prepare to depart for the season...



Be sure to put away your hoses, doormats, lanai furniture, and pots. These can become missiles during hurricanes! And do NOT forget to turn the water off inside your unit so you don't flood your neighbors. Also, you might want to empty your freezer in case of any power outage. THANK YOU!

## Have you met our resident owl yet?



Oh deer...

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We also had a deer decide to enjoy our lake. Sadly he had a badly broken leg, and eventually had to be euthanized by the officers of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.







## The Social Committee: Calling all homeowners!

The Social Committee is looking for ideas on what type of activities or events you would like to see at WLP for the upcoming year. And we are always looking for volunteers to host/co-host our activities. Please let Jodi Dilley know if you'd like to help at jodi.dilley@gmail.com





Come one, come all!!!

### LET'S GET TOGETHER!!! April 7, 4:00 pm

Celebrate the end of the season and say goodbye to our snowbirds at our Block Party! Bring your own beverage, chair, and an appetizer or dessert to share. There will be outdoor games to play or just come and visit with friends and neighbors. Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse!

### Ladies Luncheon

The final Ladies Luncheon of the season was held at the Tarpon Cove Yacht and Racket Club in Wiggins Bay. Thank you to Teresa Lamantia with an assist from Pat Horvath for organizing this event. The venue was wonderful, and the food was delicious! Nearly forty of our Wiggins ladies enjoyed a great meal and wonderful company



A huge osprey soars over our Preserve



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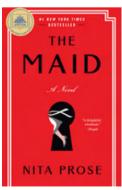
## **Wiggins Book Club**

Our March meeting of our Literary Ladies of Wiggins discussed <u>Lawn Boy</u> by

Jonathan Evison, one of the most frequently banned books. Thanks to Julie Forchay for leading this spirited discussion! For April we will be discussing **The Maid** 

by Nita Prose.

April 18: <u>The Maid</u> by Nita Prose May 16: <u>Hello Beautiful</u> by Ann Napolitano (Virtual Meeting)



If you would like to be on our Book Club email list, send an email to Sue Szachowicz at <u>sueszach@aol.com</u>.

## **BINGO!!**

March BINGO was the biggest yet! Fifty four BINGO players filled the Clubhouse with money in hand ready to win a jackpot. Bill Szachowicz was the BIngo caller, with thanks also to Mitzi and George Fazzola, Maria Rino, and Donna McKenna for helping with selling tickets and running the 50/50 Raffle. Seven games were played, and because of the number of players, the winning pots were \$50, \$50, \$50, \$75, \$75, \$100, and the final Coverall game was a \$150 prize! Lots of happy winners! Anne Johnston was the single winner of the Coverall Jackpot, so she was the happiest of all!



Final BINGO of the season Monday, April 8 Doors open at 6:30 pm to purchase BINGO cards



## APRIL 2024 Our Annual Wiggins Pig Roast

Our Wiggins Pig Roast was a great success with 103 people attending! A HUGE thank you to Teresa Lamantia who was the organizer of this wonderful event. And like every social event in Wiggins, there are so many others who step up and help to make everything run smoothly. Thanks to Jodi & Rich Dilley, Louise & Richard Bellefeuille, Dave &



Linda Hunter, Gerry & Len Bregar, Karen & Dale Grossbier, Ed & Delia Stull, Maria & Gaspar Rino, Don & Cindy Rodner, Larry Weary, Pat Horvath, Debbie Wooten, Carol & Dave Hildebrand, Elsie Miller and Sue Jonas. THANK YOU ALL for making the day a success!



## APRIL 2024 Being a GOOD NEIGHBOR in Wiggins

Our Wiggins community is at its best when everyone looks out for each other, and observes the rules and regulations. Owners renting their units should ensure that renters have our community rules. For their convenience, it is a good idea to print them and make them available in your unit. The current rules can be found on our website at: <u>https://wlpnaples.com/documents/2023/WLP%2</u>

### ORules%20and%20Regs.pdf

A reminder about enjoying our beautiful pools: Unfortunately we don't have pool attendants cleaning up after us, so please be sure to close your umbrellas and return your pool furniture to where you found it. It gets very windy here, and open umbrellas become dangerous as they fly around, and they could be damaged. And please, no food or drink, and absolutely no smoking. THANK YOU!



### Have you seen our otters?

Kathy Doyle recently spotted a pair between lake 3 and 4 and shared these pictures.

River otters, which are waterloving creatures, inhabit various locations across Florida. They typically favor freshwater environments, including rivers, creeks, lakes, ponds, and swamps. These playful otters construct their homes in burrows along the water's edge, often nestled beneath roots. tree Interestingly, they may either create their own burrows or modify existing beaver burrows.





They're checking to be sure they're obeying our speed limits...

They are primarily nocturnal, and sustain themselves by feeding on crayfish and fish. They exhibit a social structure, with family groups usually comprising a female otter and her juvenile offspring.

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## Activities and Events at Wiggins

We are posting this again so that everyone knows about all the activities scheduled during the season. If you are interested in participating in any of these activities, just go to the appropriate location at the time of the activity, meet the participants, and join in!



**Pickleball:** Scheduled daily from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Location: The tennis/pickleball courts. The courts are open on a first come first served basis at all other times of the day. The courts and our community pickleball are for Wiggins residents only.



**Book Club:** The third Thursday of every month from October to May. Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m. Location: Clubhouse. Books for discussion are selected by the members of the Club; discussions are always engaging. (The October and May meetings are held virtually; all other months meetings are in person.)



Water Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Time: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Location: the east pool (near the tennis/pickleball court).



Mexican Train: Every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. Location: Clubhouse. Mexican Train is a game played with dominoes; bring nickels and dimes to ante up and participate.



**Sit and Sew:** Every Thursday from 10 a.m. – noon. Location: Clubhouse. Bring your own sewing, knitting, or other handiwork.



Mahjong: Every Friday from 1 - 4 p.m. Location: Clubhouse.



**Euchre:** Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. (except for the third Thursday of the month when it shifts to Friday). Location: Clubhouse. Bring \$5.00 to play with a chance to win the pot at the end of the night.



**Poker:** Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Location: Clubhouse.



**Bingo:** Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Location: Clubhouse. \$5.00 per card, or 3 cards for \$10. Multiple games played per night; use the same cards all night.

### The Updated Owners Directory

https://wlpnaples.com/secure/direc tory/wlp\_directory.pdf

The Owners Directory on our website has now been updated. Be sure to check it out. If any of your information is incomplete or incorrect, take these steps:

- Go to the website and sign into the Owners section.
- In the Owners Section, Open Documents and Forms.
- Under Forms-Online open the Owner Contact Information Change, make the change, and SUBMIT.

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## LOCAL ATTRACTIONS TO KEEP YOU BUSY!

Naples and the surrounding area offers many activities! Those listed below may not include all. If you know of others that we should include, please contact us at communicationswiggins@gmail.com. A great resource for these and other offerings is <u>https://www.paradisecoast.com</u>. Another great resource are previous issues of the newsletter found at <u>www.wlpnaples.com</u>!

### FARMER'S MARKETS

**Coconut Point Farmers Market** Thursdays, 9 AM -1 PM Coconut Point Mall

Bonita Springs Farmers Market Saturdays, 8 AM - Noon

**Pine Ridge Road Farmers Market** Sundays, 9 AM - 1 PM

Vanderbilt Farmers Market Saturdays, 8 AM - 1 PM 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road Promenade Shopping Center **Third Street South Farmers Market** Saturdays, 7:30 - 11:30 AM **3rd Street South Shopping District** 

### **ART, THEATER and MORE!**

#### Art in the Park

Sat., Apr 6, 10 AM - 4 PM Fleischmann Park www.naplesart.org

Florida Repertory Theatre Hank Williams Lost Highway, thru Apr 14 Oleana, Apr 16 - May 19 https://www.floridarep.org

The Naples Players CLUE, May 1 - 14 https://naplesplayers.org

**Barbara B Mann Performing** Arts Hall https://www.bbmannpah.com

and Craft Show Sat., Apr 13, 10 AM - 4 PM Cambier Park https://naplesartcrafters.com

**Naples Artcrafters Fine Arts** 

**Gulf Shore Playhouse** She Loves Me, thru Apr 21 www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org

Arts Bonita www.artsbonita.org

**Artis-Naples** https://artisnaples.org



Naples Botanical Garden <u>www.naplesgarden.org</u> Annual Flower Show & Garden Market - Sat & Sun, Apr 5 & 6 Musical Swings, thru Apr 20 Sunset Wednesdays, Apr 3 - 24

Grand Piano Series - World-class Performances Apr 24, Shannon Lee \*violin - Ying Li\*piano St. Leo Auditorium, Bonita Springs www.GrandPianoSeries.org



Visit individual websites for ticket information, all upcoming offerings and previews of the 2024-2025 season!



### **LOCAL ATTRACTIONS - CONTINUED**

### **PARKS and PRESERVES**

EXERCISE, RELAX, REFLECT

#### **Baker Park**

https://www.naplesgov.com/pa rksrec/page/baker-park

Cambier Park https://www.naplesgov.com/ parksrec/page/cambier-park

#### Garden of Hope and Courage https://gardenofhopeandcourage.org

The Gordon River Greenway https://www.gordonrivergreenway.org

Freedom Park https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/gover nment/publicservices/divisions/conservationcollier/preserve-information/freedompark



### CREW (Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed) - <u>https://crewtrust.org</u>

Trails for self-discovery or guided exploration. Walks, hikes, biking, birding.

- CREW Bird Rookery Swamp Trails, Naples
- CREW Flint Pen Strand Trails, Bonita Springs
- CREW Marsh Trails and Cypress Dome Trails, Immokalee

**Audubon's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary**, Naples - <u>www.corkscrew.audubon.org</u> Earth Day Celebration, Mon, Apr 22 - A special lineup of activities, 8 AM - 5 PM.

**Big Cypress National Preserve,** Ochobee - <u>www.nps.gov</u> Scenic drives, ranger-guided activities and more.

**Everglades National Park** - <u>www.nps.gov</u> 1.5 million acres in South Florida. Entrances in Miami and Everglades City (minutes from Naples). A variety of guided tours.

**Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge**, Immokalee - <u>www.fws.gov</u> *Hikng, wildlife photography, observation.* 

**J.N. "DING" Darling National Wildlife Refuge**, Sanibel - <u>www.fws.gov</u> *Wildlife drive, birding, photography, dog walking and more.* 



## WHERE DO I FIND THIS? Helpful websites:

Wiggins Lakes and Preserve Website

http://wlpnaples.com

### **Association Rules**

https://wlpnaples.com/documents/20 21/WLP%20Rules%20and%20Regs%2 OFinal%20V3%2002222021.pdf

WLP Events https://wlpnaples.com/events.htm

### Submit an Association Service <u>Request</u>

https://www.emailmeform.com/build er/form/P88rcgmycOhCfJfX3Z



Our Communication Committee: Debbie London, Chair Art Dietze Roger Jonas Sue Szachowicz, Board Liaison



If you were unable to attend a Board Meeting, or would like to review the minutes or the recordings, you can find the Board meeting minutes/recordings available here:

https://wlpnaples.com/secure/ meeting\_minutes.htm

**City of Naples** <u>https://www.naplesgov.com/</u>

**Collier County** <u>https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/</u>

**FEMA (Florida)** <u>https://www.fema.gov/locations/florida</u>

Waste Management https://www.wm.com/us/en/location/ fl/naples

If you have questions or suggestions for the newsletter, please contact us at:

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