

# What's Happening at Wiggins

*“Community is much more than belonging to something; it’s about doing something together that makes belonging matter.” Brian Solis*



## Wiggins remembers our fallen on Memorial Day

### Now that the season is over...

As our season has drawn to a close, our Communication Committee has made a few adjustments to our newsletter. We have now moved into a two-month cycle for publishing the newsletter. The schedule will be:

- July/August to publish on August 1
- September/October to publish on October 1.

Then we will resume monthly newsletters.

### THE TEXTING PROGRAM WORKED!

If you did not receive our text message on May 24, please contact Jill and provide her with a cell phone number you would like us to use for future texts. This texting will only be used for emergency or essential information.

### IN THIS EDITION:

- Now that the season is over...
- Message from the Board
- Hurricane Preparedness
- Landscaping Update
- Social Events: The Kentucky Derby Returns to Wiggins, Our End of Season Block Party, the Pickleball Farewell Party, and the final BINGO
- Wiggins “Spotlight”- Where do our Snowbirds go?
- Being a Good Neighbor in our Wiggins community
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### Jill Galloway: Our Property Manager

Do you need help on something? For all questions, concerns, issues about your property at Wiggins, your first point of contact should be Jill - she can help you! Her hours on our property have shifted to provide both morning and afternoon availability.

Jill will be in the Clubhouse:

- Mon, Tues, and Wed: 12-4
- Thurs and Fri: 9 - 1

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As we look back on the first four months of our work together on the Board, we thought it would be helpful to look at what we have put in place, and what we are still looking to accomplish. Most importantly, we are listening to the questions and concerns of everyone, and trying to be responsive.

- **Brought on our part-time property manager, Jill Galloway:** She has hit the ground running, is responsive, positive, and pleasant, and is dealing with many day-to-day issues that need to be addressed.
- **Continuing our landscaping plan:** The first phase has been completed with 42 trees, privacy hedging, and bushes and grasses to hide mechanicals and air conditioning units planted throughout the community. Thanks go to our Landscape Committee for their tireless work. They are ready to work with the Blue designer for our next phase which will be the fronts of our buildings. We all need to start our rain dances to ensure a rainy season – that will help!
- **Technology comes to Wiggins:** We now have WIFI in the Clubhouse and soon it will also be in the east (back) pool. Our first event enjoying the technology was our Kentucky Derby Party; we know there will be many more events to come.
- **Commitment to communication:** We have initiated the Wiggins Weekly to provide you with a brief update on what's going on. And of course, thanks to our Communication Committee, we have our wonderful newsletter. Also, we implemented our new text message program to reach everyone immediately with emergency or essential information.
- **Roofing and Sealcoating:** Kelly Roofing has been doing an amazing job; fourteen roofs will be completed soon. A schedule will be set up for the sealcoating.
- **Carports:** After three false starts, we changed companies and got the carports cleaned – they are looking good.
- **Documents Project:** The team has finished reviewing ALL the documents and met with the attorney to provide input on revising the documents to address the concerns raised by the community. More work to go, but a great start! We will be scheduling a presentation and series townhalls, including with the attorney, in the fall.

One thing we know. Although much has been accomplished, we have much to do. This community is filled with so many people with great expertise, so we will be reaching out to you. We are committed to working together for Wiggins - it takes a team!

**BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 5. A zoom link will be sent out.**

**11-12:30 Working session. 12:30 - Formal Agenda.**

**Hurricane season begins June 1, so all of us in Wiggins must do the best we can to be prepared and protect ourselves, our neighbors, and our property.**

Experts at Colorado State University expect the season to be busy and expect the formations of 23 named storms and 11 hurricanes. in Florida, the Atlantic hurricane season starts on June 1st and lasts until November 30th. While hurricanes can happen at any time, peak season is generally between August and October

While there are a number of well-known and reliable sites that contain multitudes of information, on the following page we have added some federal, state and local sites that may be helpful. It is so important to know that if a hurricane strikes the area, internet access may be unreliable or unavailable. Take a moment to review and store/print information that you think may be helpful prior to the storm.

Whether you are a full or part-time resident, you will need to ensure that your lanai is clear of furniture, flower pots and other items that can potentially cause damage during a storm. All outside items, i.e., welcome mats and decorative door hangings, should be removed as they can be blown away and cause damage.

## What else?



- Confirm your contact details are up to date on the WLP website and sign up for email blasts
- If you have them, lower storm shades.
- Close and lock all windows and doors.
- Secure outdoor storage spaces. Bring in any items that can blow around and cause damage.
- Move vehicles further inland.
- Monitor weather status.
- Move valuable items off of the floors.
- Confirm you have numbers at the ready such as neighbors, home watch and insurance companies.
- Check on your neighbors
- Monitor the WLP website at <http://wlpnaples.com> for additional information and news



# Hurricane Information

## Tracking

### National Hurricane Center

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

### AccuWeather

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/hurricane>

### Naples Daily News Hurricane guide:

<https://www.naplesnews.com/weather/hurricanes/>

## Preparation

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric

#### Administration preparation

<https://www.noaa.gov/hurricane-prep>

### Red Cross:

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/hurricane.html>

### Ready.Gov:

<https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

### Florida division of Emergency Management

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/>



## Shelter Information

### Red cross shelters:

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html>

### Collier county shelters and evacuation routes:

<https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/government/county-manager-operations/divisions/emergency-management/current-emergency-information/collier-county-shelter-locations-evacuation-routes>



## Landscaping Update from Lynn Radicello and Don Rodner

April was a celebratory month as privacy hedging, bushes and grasses to “hide” mechanicals including the front air conditioning units on the long or lake buildings, and 42 trees were planted throughout the community. These accomplishments were the first three priority areas to address. Thank you to the Board of Directors for supporting this endeavor and thank you to all the community members who cheered on the Blue Landscaping Planting crews. The crews appreciated all the acknowledgement and encouragement they received! Recent pictures show the new plantings are thriving with new leaves and buds as the trees especially recover from the stress of transporting and planting.

Before all the trees were even in, we were meeting with Blue Landscaping Designer to begin work on phase 4. Phase 4 involves addressing the fronts of buildings. As you have likely noted, some buildings will require a great deal of replacement vegetation while other buildings may just require filling in some holes. It is anticipated that initial designs will be received and reviewed this summer. Funding for this phase is not accounted for within the current budget and progress is dependent on rain and irrigation expense savings. Phase 5 is planned to address the sides and backs of buildings.



The hedge along Pan Am



The new trees are filling in



The Verawoods now have beautiful yellow flowers.



This is the Royal Poinciana tree across from the Clubhouse. It is the one that many of you reported was a dead tree. GOOD NEWS - it is alive and well and is now flowering!

## The Kentucky Derby Returns to Wiggins!

The last time Wiggins hosted a Kentucky Derby viewing party was before Covid. And now that we have WIFI in the Clubhouse, we could gather for a wonderful watch party. Thanks to Kentucky native Martha Boulanger, and Esther Riccomini for putting this together. And to Carol Levick and Sandy MacDonald for doing the odds, and Hank Boulanger for taking the bets and serving the mint juleps. Everyone brought an appetizer or dessert, and of course we had KENTUCKY Fried Chicken! The ladies were decked out in their finest hats and fascinators. A fun evening for all... especially the winners!



We said goodbye to our snowbirds in a fun Block Party filled with good friends, good food, and fun games. Thanks especially to Jodi and Rich Dilley for setting up all our outdoor games, and to everyone who brought such great food!



## ◆◆◆ **Our Pickleball Farewell Party**



What a fun BINGO season we had! Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy our BINGO evenings. Special thanks to Bill Szachowicz, our BINGO caller, Sue Szachowicz who ran the BINGO projector, Donna McKenna and George Fazzola who ran the 50-50 Raffle, and Mitzi Fazzola and Maria Rino who sold the BINGO cards and put together the jackpots. It was a great team effort!



We'll be back  
in action in  
November!



We are taking a pause on our “Original Owners” Spotlights to highlight some of our Snowbirds. We know they leave, but where in the world do they go? They migrate north, but where do they land? If you ask some of them and they hold up their right hand with the palm showing and shaped like a mitten, then watch them point with their left index finger to where they live, you can bet it is Michigan!



Mitzi and George



Roger and Susan

We'll start this series with Mitzi and George Fazzola, and Susan and Roger Jonas. They will point to a spot just below their little pinkie right on the edge of their palm and explain it is the Lake Michigan side. Then you will get a tutorial on how big the lake is. "You cannot see across it. It is eighty miles wide. Milwaukee is on the other side. It is 400 miles long. (For perspective, that would be from the southern tip of Florida to the Georgia state line and half the width of Florida.) And it is the second largest Great Lake behind Lake Superior. And by the way, 20% of the world's fresh water is in the Great Lakes. And Michigan has the second longest coastline only behind Alaska."

We live in in an area known as Grand Haven, Spring Lake and Ferrysburg with a population of 32,000. This is where the Grand River, Michigan's longest, meets Spring Lake, which empties into Lake Michigan.

Grand Haven was settled in the 1830's as a fur trading post and later as a lumber and sawmill port. Eventually, lumber was shipped by boat to Chicago when they had to rebuild after the Chicago Fire. As a major port, passenger ships would bring visitors to the mineral springs that were here. Many resorts were established and cottages were built to take advantage to all the natural beauty of the area.



Needless to stay water is the attraction here. And boating - hundreds of watercraft in the private docks and the large marinas. Fishing is popular in our lakes, streams and the Big Lake where you can charter a boat or take your own to catch salmon and lake trout.

But we are defined by our parks, our sand dunes and our beaches - second to none! Perfect for climbing, picnicking, swimming, and just plain lounging in the sand. And we have great schools!

Lake Michigan is also where we get our drinking water. All of the coastal communities get their water from the Great Lakes and also some larger inland cities like Grand Rapids. No salt, no sharks, no jellyfish, no red tide.

Our spring, summer and fall seasons are filled with festivals and attractions that appeal not only to the locals but to visitors and tourists alike. Tourism is big part of our local economy along with manufacturing and agriculture; blueberry fields are bountiful.

Mitzi and Sue call this area their hometown. George is from Detroit and Roger grew up on a small farm near Grand Ledge in the center of the state. We all call this area 'Grand Heaven'.



## 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:

<https://wlpnnaples.com/documents/2023/WLP%20Rules%20and%20Regs.pdf>

**Reminder about ARC forms:** There are very clear rules about making changes to your unit. Any modifications to the exterior of your unit (for example, AC line sets, or changing windows), and certain interior modifications (for example, installing new flooring with appropriate soundproofing) require approval of the Board by submission of the ARC form. Please be sure to complete this **before** the work begins. Being a “Good Neighbor” does mean being respectful of the condo rules and regulations.

**The ARC forms** are found on our website. At the top you will see Documents and Forms. When you open that tab, then go to Forms. The ARC form application is the first item. Here’s a direct link:

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/12SPO7Ai42>



## Our Wiggins Gator... CAPTURED!

According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, over 1.3 million alligators live in the Sunshine State. They are a fundamental part of Florida's wetlands, swamps, rivers, and lakes. Florida has created a Nuisance Alligator Program. Despite what we all think, an alligator is deemed to be a nuisance if it is at least four feet in length and poses a threat to people, pets, or property. May and June are alligator mating season, so perhaps our gator was looking for love in Wiggins. Hopefully he did not find it and was totally alone!



FWC sent a team of Nuisance Trappers, and they did the job. Because he was a young gator, he will be relocated to a farm in LaBelle. We hope he is much happier there than in Wiggins. And more importantly, we hope he had no family and friends here!

## ARTS AND CULTURE

Many of us “snowbirds” may feel as though we just left Wiggins and have much to keep us busy at our northern homes. Yet, the performance venues in Naples and Fort Myers have already planned and published information regarding programs for the coming 2024-2025 season. In a spare moment, perhaps on a rainy day, or even on a warm one while sitting at the lake or poolside, take a look at the venue websites below. Gather information about plays and other performances you may like to see, mark your calendars to ensure early purchase of tickets, and learn more about or even purchase a season subscription. Here’s hoping this is a reminder of how fortunate we are to have so much in the way of cultural offerings that are so close to us!

### In NAPLES:

**ARTIS-NAPLES:** <https://artisnaples.org/>

**GULF SHORE PLAYHOUSE:**

<https://www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org>

Watch for the grand opening of the Gulf Shore Playhouse’s new theater and education center with an inaugural season planned for Fall 2024!

**THE NAPLES PLAYERS AT SUGDEN COMMUNITY THEATER**

<https://www.naplesplayers.org>

The 2024-25 season comes on the heels of a \$21million renovation to its historic 5th AveS building.

**THEATER ZONE:** <https://www.theaterzone.org>

### In FORT MYERS:

**BARBARA MANN PERFORMING ARTS HALL:**

<https://www.bbmannpah.com>

**GULF COAST SYMPHONY**

[www.gulfcoastsymphony.org](http://www.gulfcoastsymphony.org) and its new off-shoot, **THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA THEATRE COMPANY:** Read more about Southwest Florida Theatre Company here:

[https://news.wgcu.org/arts-and-culture/2024-01-26/southwest-florida-theatre-stages-a-grand-night-for-singing-musical\)](https://news.wgcu.org/arts-and-culture/2024-01-26/southwest-florida-theatre-stages-a-grand-night-for-singing-musical)

**THE PLAYERS CIRCLE THEATER**

<https://playerscircletheater.com>



## We are truly a preserve... meet our new Wiggins residents



White-tailed deer are found throughout Florida from the Panhandle to the Keys. They enjoy habitats with young low-growing vegetation so they can feed easily and avoid predators. For residents here, be careful when driving around - they could get startled and crash into your car.

## WHERE DO I FIND THIS? Helpful websites:

### Wiggins Lakes and Preserve Website

<http://wlpnnaples.com>

#### Association Rules

<https://wlpnnaples.com/documents/2021/WLP%20Rules%20and%20Regs%20Final%20V3%2002222021.pdf>

#### WLP Events

<https://wlpnnaples.com/events.htm>



#### Submit an Association Service Request

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/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://wlpnnaples.com/secure/meeting\\_minutes.htm](https://wlpnnaples.com/secure/meeting_minutes.htm)

#### City of Naples

<https://www.naplesgov.com/>

#### Collier County

<https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/>

#### FEMA (Florida)

<https://www.fema.gov/locations/florida>

#### 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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