

# What's Happening at Wiggins

*"What you do has far greater impact than what you say."* Steven Covey



## Our Texting Program

On two occasions we have used our new texting program, Textedly. On May 24 we sent our first sample text message. Then on June 30 we sent a message during heavy rains in the area letting you know everything was fine here in Wiggins. If you did NOT receive these texts, it is probably because there is not a cell phone number listed in our records. Landlines will not work for these texts. **If you would like to receive these texts, which we will only use for emergency or essential information, please provide Jill with a cell phone number.**

Our website: [wlpnacles.com](http://wlpnacles.com)

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## Jill Galloway: Our Property Manager

Do you need help with 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. You can reach her in the Clubhouse, or by email at:

[Jgalloway@resortgroupinc.com](mailto:Jgalloway@resortgroupinc.com)

or by phone at 239-351-2027.



## Message from our BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Gary Doyle  
President

You might think with fewer residents here in the summer there would be less work to do, but that is not the case! We have been very busy this summer, and still have a long way to go. The best work of all has come from Mother Nature – the rainy season has continued, and you will see the difference in the growth of our new plantings when you return.



Sue Szachowicz  
Vice President

**So, what has been happening this summer?** All the roofing work has been completed and the new Wind Mitigation letters are on the website. Wifi has now been installed in the Clubhouse and the back pool. Despite delays and frustrations, our condemned mailbox has been replaced and mail delivery has restarted. Textedly, our new text messaging system is working well. We researched soundproofing for the Clubhouse and have acoustic panels ordered. Hopefully we will have them installed before the season. And perhaps the best news of all, we are off county water and back on our lakes for irrigation.



Tom Wennogle  
Secretary

**And what is still ahead?** The painting of seven buildings will begin in August. Northern Contracting will also provide owners with the opportunity to have lanais and garage doors painted. We have provided the information on page three of this newsletter. After the painting we will schedule the sealcoating. We are also researching a new mailbox installation company to replace all our old mailboxes to avoid the same problems.



Dave Lyle  
Treasurer

Our greatest challenge remains our landscaping. While we have had tremendous growth thanks to the rains, we have a long way to go after the devastation from Hurricane Ian. And recently we had to remove several of our palms that were infected with the Ganoderma fungus. After serious issues with Blue, we met with the owner to discuss our concerns. We have a new Account Manager, Foreman, and Landscape Designer, but there is much to get done. Our Landscape Committee has created a prioritization plan to help us with our next phase, which will be the fronts of buildings, and some of the areas where palms were removed.

There is much to be done, but we are committed to our wonderful Wiggins community!



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ!!!

Northern Contracting will begin the pressure cleaning and painting project on **August 26** for seven of our buildings. The Board will send out a letter prepared by Northern explaining the entire process. As well as the painting of the buildings, Northern will also offer all owners the opportunity to have the following services completed at your own expense. **Painting these areas is the RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER!** Price includes labor and materials:

- Lanai Ceilings and Walls: \$175.00 per unit
- Entry OR Service Doors and Frames: \$55.00 per door
- Overhead Garage Door: \$75.00 per door
- Lanai French Doors and Frames: \$235  
(Two French Doors and Frames)

**To schedule any of these options, you must complete Northern's form which the Board will send out to everyone. Also, Jill will have copies available in the Clubhouse.**

### Wiggins Lakes & Preserves - 2024 Cycle

Painting Schedule				
Address	Street	Building Painting	Handrail/Railings	Stairs/Landings
654	Wiggins Lake Dr.	8/26/24 - 9/3/24**	8/31/24	9/3/2024**
660	Wiggins Lake Dr.	8/26/24 - 9/3/24**	8/31/24	9/3/2024**
661	Wiggins Lake Dr.	9/3/24 - 9/9/24**	9/7/24	9/9/24
665	Wiggins Lake Dr.	9/3/24 - 9/9/24**	9/7/24	9/9/24
668	Wiggins Lake Dr.	9/9/24 - 9/16/24	9/14/24	9/16/24
671	Wiggins Lake Dr.	9/9/24 - 9/16/24	9/14/24	9/16/24
768	Wiggins Lake Dr.	9/16/24 - 9/23/24	9/21/24	9/23/24

\*\*Timelines affected due to National Holiday: 9/2/24

### COMMUNITY QUESTIONS:

#### When are the sheds being done?

The sheds by the carports are in need of repair. The Board decided to delay the repair work until the fall when many residents have returned. The Board wanted to give residents plenty of time to remove the locks and clear out their carports before any work begins. Jill will send out the timeline for the project in the fall.

#### My son and grandkids were using our place for a week and were wondering where the pickleball nets are.

The nets have to stored away during the rainy season. There are rarely any players here in Wiggins during the summer, and if left outside, the nets rust badly; they aren't meant to remain outside during the heavy winds and daily rains. In fact, the first year we had them, we did leave them out and they were ruined. They are expensive to replace. But the court is open, so you can play over the tennis net (it's 2 inches higher), or you can head to Veterans Park on Immokalee Rd. where there are many public courts.



**Only my spouse gets the email blasts. Can both of us receive all the email blasts and Wiggins Weekly?**

YES! We want all owners to receive all the information. All you need to do is sign up for the email blasts. Go to the website, click on the Owners Section, and you will see "Sign-Up for Email Blasts." Since this is for Owners, you must sign into the Owners Section, and it will take you to the simple form to sign up.

## LANDSCAPING UPDATE: Since you have been gone...

The best landscaper of all has been Mother Nature. We are far from done in our Hurricane Ian recovery, but this rainy season has helped our Wiggins community.



May 25



The hedge along PanAm



July 17

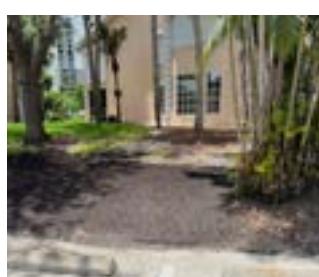


Around some of our mechanicals



### As if we didn't face enough destruction with Ian, we faced another setback with Ganoderma

While Mother Nature has helped us with the rainy season, unfortunately she has also whacked us with the Ganoderma fungus which has attacked a number of our Areca and Foxtail palms. As the Board reported previously in the Wiggins Weekly, Ganoderma cannot be treated; the diseased palms must be removed. It is spread through spores, so diseased palms, including the stump, root system, and the surrounding soil must be removed and no palm should be planted in that spot again. Fortunately we can plant other trees/shrubs, so the Landscaping Committee is now working with the Blue designer for recommendations for replacement. But this was heartbreaking!



## A Few Words about Water: Update on our Lakes Salinity

Recently the Board reported that the salinity of the lakes had dropped to an acceptable level so that we can now irrigate from our lakes instead of county water. Let's look more closely at what that means and see how far we have come. Salinity is the measurement of the amount of dissolved salts in water, and for groundwater it is measured in parts per million (PPM). The salinity in our lakes has been measured regularly and tracked using this unit of measure.

Here are some typical salinity levels as measured in PPM:

- Gulf of Mexico - 36,000 PPM
- Brackish water (a mix of fresh and salt water) - 1000-10,000 PPM
- Kitchen tap water - 240 PPM or less
- Ideal salinity for plants - 800 PPM or less

### In case you were wondering which Lake is which:

- LAKE 1: Closest to Wiggins Pass Road
- LAKE 2: Closer to Clubhouse
- LAKE 3: Closer to tennis court
- LAKE 4: Beside bridge, between 691 and 729
- LAKE 5: By Gulf Harbor/Pan Am

On September 28, 2022, Hurricane Ian flooded our lakes with salt water. Take a look at the chart to see how far we have come! (800 PPM is the target!)

Date	LAKE 1	LAKE 2	LAKE 3	LAKE 4	LAKE 5
Oct 27, 22	13,140	19,300	10,750	1,470	9,540
Sept 21, 23	793	1,145	1,843	2,580	1,760
June 14, 24	489	586	669	837	490

## Our New Rules Committee

Thanks to our Rules Committee: Mike Sadler, Abigale Jones, George Fazzola, and Maria Rino. They will review our current Rules and Regulations and recommend any changes to the Board.

Mike is taking the lead, so if you have any suggestions for rule changes, reach out to Mike at [mike.t.sadler@gmail.com](mailto:mike.t.sadler@gmail.com).

They will discuss all suggestions, review them for alignment with our community By-Laws, and make final recommendations to the Board. We need your voices!



## Ants, Pests? What to do:



In addition to exterior pest control for our community, Arrow Pest Control offers our owners, at no charge to you, service in your unit. If you require pest control service, call Arrow using these steps:

1. Call 800-226-3139
2. Press #2 for Service Request
3. Enter phone # 239-351-2027 (Jill's number)
4. Enter zip code 34110
5. An Account Manager will answer
6. Tell them the Account number is 2921710 (the WLP account number)
7. Let them know you would like service at your unit. Give them your address and phone number to schedule service. Someone must be present when service is provided.



# What's happening with the new golf course?

When many of you left Wiggins in the spring, the undeveloped area across from our community and Wiggins Bay was being cleared for a new golf course. The work on the golf course has progressed at an amazing rate; it has taken shape and it looks like it will be beautiful.

## In case you are interested in joining...

According to their website: Introducing

### KINSALE GOLF CLUB

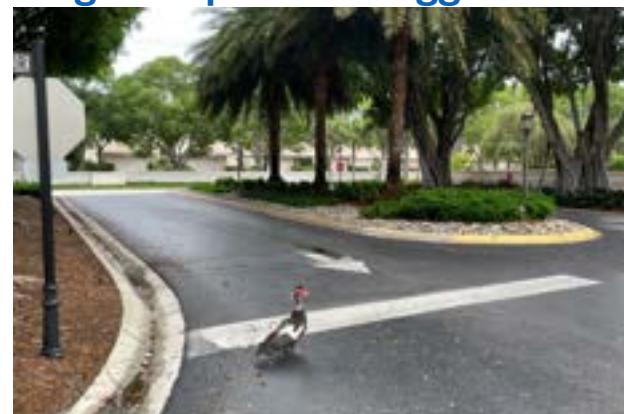
- Current Initiation Fee: **\$425,000**
- Annual Dues: **\$20,000**
- Membership capped at 250 members
- Scheduled to open November 1, 2024
- Clubhouse NOT open for dinner
- Course open from Oct. through June
- 18 holes, Par 71




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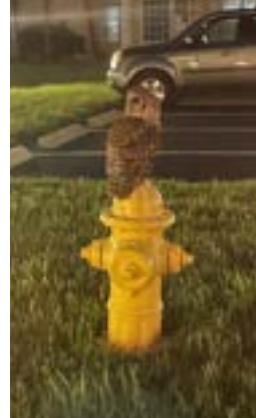
**And while the golf course has cleared the land, the habitat of our local animals has been destroyed. They have come searching for a place in Wiggins!**



FWC estimates there are approximately 4,050 bears in Florida. They are opportunistic feeders and love garbage, pet food and bird seeds. We have reported our Wiggins bear, but FWC does not take any action to remove bears. The phrase they use is "Living with Bears." Whenever you are out and about in Wiggins especially



in the early evening or morning hours, be aware of your surroundings, and never feed the bears, or any wildlife. Hopefully this bear will move on to a new community soon!



Although we don't have a gate, we do have an attack duck guarding our entrance!

**Hurricane season began 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.
- Make sure you are receiving our text messages.
- 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, news, and updates.



# 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>



Hop on I-75 going north past Tampa and through Atlanta, Lexington and Detroit. Continue north to the Mackinac Bridge. Cross over into the U.P. (Upper Peninsula) following I-75 all the way to where it ends at Sault St. Marie, Michigan. Now, take the Sault Ste. Marie International Bridge over the Soo Locks and the St. Mary's River and you are in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. 'Sault' is pronounced 'Soo' in French and literally means 'rapids', hence, 'the rapids of the St. Mary's River'.

It is here that we find the homes of Maria and Gaspare Rino, Cookie and Julio Diamontini, Paula and Don Orazietti, David and Jane Orazietti, and Peter and Lisa Rino. Frequent renters are Liliane and Benny Caputo, Shirley and Ralph Caria, Rose and Jimmy Celetti and many others.



In 1668, French Jesuit missionaries established a mission settlement here. Later a fur trading post was established on both sides of the river and became one of the oldest French settlements in North America. It was not until the War of 1812 that the boundary between the U.S. and Canada was established as the St. Mary's River. The rapids in the river became an impediment to shipping because the elevation of Lake Superior is about 25 feet above Lakes Michigan and Huron. Built in 1868, and expanded many times, the Soo locks will take freighters over 1000 feet in length. They mostly carry taconite iron ore pellets from Minnesota and western Ontario for the steel industry here and elsewhere and limestone for other uses.



Algoma Steel is the area's largest employer and attracted immigrants from Italy and elsewhere after World War II. Indeed, the city's website offers translations for more than 20 languages! The area also has forest products and other manufacturing industries.



Home to the Ontario Hockey League Soo Greyhounds, the team has been a pipeline for Wayne Gretzky, the Esposito brothers and the coach of this year's Stanley Cup winner.

The area is surrounded by beautiful lakes and greenery and the Agawa Canyon train trip is a must. We are reminded of the Canadian friendly and accommodating nature of the people who live here.



## 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:**

[communicationswiggins@gmail.com](mailto:communicationswiggins@gmail.com)

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