

# What's Happening at Wiggins

*"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot harder to make a difference."* Tom Brokaw



## Jill Galloway: Our Property Manager



Do you need help with something? For 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 include both morning and afternoon availability. She works with our vendors on our community improvement projects daily. However, she is available in the Clubhouse every day during the last two hours of her shift each day for walk-in concerns. Her hours are posted weekly in our Wiggins Weekly. You can reach her in the Clubhouse or always by email at:

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

Or by phone at 239-351-2027.

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## OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next meeting of the Wiggins Lakes & Preserve Board of Directors will be on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 at NOON**. We will be in the Clubhouse, but owners will be able to zoom in as well. The agenda and zoom details will be provided soon.

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

## Message from our BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Gary Doyle  
President



Sue Szachowicz  
Vice President

A happy holiday season to everyone! We are happy to see so many friends back in Wiggins. The Board is working together to make sure that our community keeps moving forward with improvements to our landscaping, our buildings, and our roads. We are grateful to our many owners who have volunteered to be part of our committees that have made a positive difference in our community. Having an involved community with strong committees makes the work of the Board more productive and efficient. Thank you to everyone who has been willing to help; your work has made our Wiggins community better.



Tom Wennogle  
Secretary

We will have our next Board meeting on **Wednesday, December 11 at noon** in the Clubhouse, with zoom access as well. This Board meeting will focus on four critical topics: the budget, our documents, landscaping, and suggested changes to our rules recommended by our Rules Committee. We hope you will join us either in person or via zoom.



Dave Lyle  
Treasurer

In our October newsletter message, we shared how wonderful Mother Nature had been to us with the summer rains bringing our lakes back. But sadly, she decided to hit us three times, with a tropical storm in August, and then Hurricane Helene and Milton. Although we did not suffer the horrible flooding and damage we faced two years ago during Ian, the storm surges and winds did bring the salt back to our lakes, and we have had to revert to county water. Thanks to the work of our previous Board, we have that backup.



Howard London  
Director

But we continue to move forward. Our Landscape Committee has been working tirelessly with Leo Jr. on projects around the community that have been most impacted by drainage issues and soil erosion. You will see new plantings around the community, but we still have a long way to go.



Mike Wolfe  
Director

Of course, what makes Wiggins special are the wonderful people here. Our Social Committee has already hosted our Welcome Back party, a Gobble Wobble, and Christmas decorating. The Ugly Sweater Party is on Dec. 7. And so many of our activities are back in action. Be sure to check out the Activities page in this newsletter, as well as the Holiday Happenings pages. It's great to see so many of our snowbirds returning – we have missed you! Happy Holidays to all of our Wiggins community!





**LANDSCAPING UPDATE from our Landscape Committee**

The past few weeks have been like the game whack-a-mole. As designs for replanting were being developed, infrastructure issues with drainage were identified, and then hurricanes compromised the salinity of lakes. In addition, this summer with the identification of Ganoderma fungus we lost Areca palms that provided screening for some parking areas. Hedging and planting were put in place mid-November to replant the areas where the Areca palms were removed. They look great and will continue to grow.

**Corner of Wiggins Lake Drive and Wiggins Lake Court**

**Right after our entrance**



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

Areas with drainage needs were identified and addressed. In these instances, the drainage issues were impacting the integrity of a parking lot, driveway, or walkway.



**BEFORE**



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**OTHER DRAINAGE AREAS ADDRESSED:**



After two hurricanes this fall, the salinity of all the lakes increased significantly. Starting at 1,000 ppm (parts per million), water is considered brackish. Prior to the fall hurricanes, the ppm salinity for our lakes ranged from 175-363 ppm. Following the fall hurricanes, salinity readings increased in all lakes. This increase necessitated the switch back to municipal water.

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## LANDSCAPING UPDATE CONTINUED...

THE SALINITY REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 25, 2024

**Note:** below 800 ppm is the optimal recommendation for planting

### LAKE

**Parts per million**  
**9/5/24 11/25/24**

Lake 1: (closest to Gulf Harbor by club house)	363	1620
Lake 2: (west side between Wiggins Drive and Wiggins Court)	283	1410
Lake 3: (east side between Wiggins Court and Wiggins Drive; north side of bridge)	291	1230
Lake 4: (south side of bridge)	363	1790
Lake 5: (between Wiggins Drive and Gulf Harbor and Pam Am)	175	2880
Well: (flows into Lake 4) Turned on 10/21 for four hours a day	1590 on 10/21	1740

You will see other projects completed from funding saved from previously not using municipal water for irrigation.



**773 was landscaped in the front**



In the near future, one coach home will be selected to be landscaped. This will provide a model to conceptually showcase the design as we plan to move forward with replanting.



## Is Wiggins the fishing capital of the world???



We continue to struggle with trespassers coming into our community to fish in our lakes. While it might not seem like a huge safety concern, unfortunately in a few instances the trespassers have been belligerent and confrontational. We have now partnered with the Collier County Sheriff's Office Community Policing Unit. Our community has now filed a Property Agreement with the Collier County Sheriff's Office. They have put a sign out on Gulf Harbor, and will be sending periodic patrols. If they catch someone on the property, they will issue them a No Trespass notice the first time. If they return, they can be arrested. So if you see anyone fishing, immediately call the non-emergency number at **230-252-9300**. Please do not yell at them or threaten them that the police are on the way - please call! We want the police to catch them, and they can't catch them if they are gone before the police arrive. Because we now have a Property Agreement with the police they will respond and cite them for trespassing. We believe the sign out on Gulf Harbor and the Property Agreement has made a difference!





## Social Activities Return to Wiggins!

Wiggins celebrated the return of our snowbirds with a Welcome Back Brats Party. Great crowd, great food - a wonderful night for all!



**WELCOME COMMITTEE UPDATE:** They are planning a "Welcome to Wiggins" event in January. And they are working with Jill to identify our new owners and get renter contact information. They want to be sure everyone new to Wiggins feels welcome and is connected!

## Our first Wiggins Gobble Wobble!

Our Social Committee Chair, Jodi Dilley, organized our first Gobble Wobble to welcome in Thanksgiving! We met at the Clubhouse at 9 am on Saturday Nov. 23. Folks could decide if they wanted to participate in the walk, or just come and enjoy the conversation, coffee, tea, and pastries. It was a nice event to bring people together. She is planning to do something similar every month so hopefully those who couldn't participate in the Gobble Wobble can join us in the future!



## Let's make our Wiggins Christmas Tree celebrate our community!



The Social Committee's plan is to replace some of the worn and dated Christmas tree decorations in the clubhouse with personalized tree ornaments. We thought it would be fun to fill the tree with ornaments that represent the state or community that you came from. If you would like to donate an ornament, please add a little note with your name and any other information you want to include and bring it to Jill in the clubhouse during her walk-in hours. Thank you.



## The Ugly Sweater Party - A Wiggins Tradition Continues

Enjoy a fun-filled evening on **December 7 at 5 p.m. in the clubhouse.**

Chicken and salad dinner for \$12.

Ugly Sweater Contest: Show off your tackiest holiday sweater!

Mitten Game: Test your skills!

Left, Right, Center Dice Game: Bring 9 - \$1.00 bills for a game of chance!

Optional: Bring a holiday dish to share with the group!

**RSVP to Delia by December 5th at 347-267-4710**



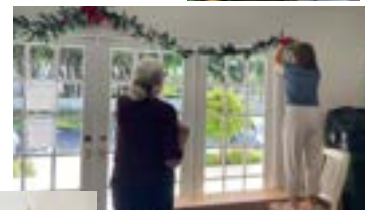
### Book Club: Join Our Literary Ladies of Wiggins

Our Wiggins community has a wonderful book club that has been meeting for many years. And we actually discuss the books! All new owners and renters are WELCOME to join in. While we often call ourselves The Literary Ladies of Wiggins, we would be happy to also have some of our Wiggins gentlemen join us - you are most certainly welcome! We meet on the third

Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Clubhouse. Discussions are lively and there are usually treats to enjoy. Send an email to [sueszach@aol.com](mailto:sueszach@aol.com) to get on the Book Club email list to get all the information! Join us!

### Decorating Time!

Thank you to our Social Committee and our Wiggins volunteers who turned out on Saturday morning to decorate the Clubhouse for Christmas and put up the Wiggins Christmas tree!



### Our Book Club Schedule for the 2024-25 Season

- Oct 17: **The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store** by James McBride - ZOOM meeting
- Nov 21: **The Lion Women of Tehran** by Marjan Kamala
- Dec 19: **The Roaring Days of Zora Lily** by Noelle Salazar - ZOOM meeting
- Jan 16: **The Women** by Kristin Hannah
- Feb 20: **Dear Edward** by Ann Napolitano
- Mar 20: **The Berry Pickers** by Amanda Peters
- Apr 17: **One Hundred Years of Lenin and Margot** by Marianne Cronin
- May 15: **The Paris Daughter** by Kristin Harmel - ZOOM

### RUMORS, RUMORS...it's looking more like these rumors are true!

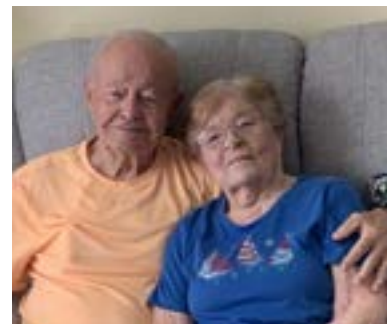
We have all heard the rumors about a new Publix coming to the Bealls shopping plaza. Recently there has been lots of work happening in that parking lot, and we continue to hear from folks who work in that Plaza that it will be a Publix Super Store with a liquor store and a cafe with drinks served. Let us hope these rumors are true!





## Getting to Know our Original Owners: Meet Joe and Alice

When you first meet Joe and Alice Milano, you can readily see that this love story and 66-year marriage is still going strong! They raised their family of four sons and one daughter in Melrose, MA where Joe was a lineman for the local power company. To provide for his family, he would sometimes work four jobs! Alice's full-time job was raising their five children.



It was 30 years ago when they became one of the original owners in Wiggins. The Milanos had been visiting different parts of Florida for several years when, on one of their trips to Naples, they saw an ad in the paper for our community. The coach houses were just being built in 1994 and they discovered that if they waited a year, they could get a unit to be built on a lake for only \$1,000 more. They still live on Lake 3 today.



Joe recalls those early days when the HOA Board meetings were shouting matches and Board members would turn their chairs around so they would not have to face each other. Alice was Chairman of the Entertainment Committee when residents of a different section of our community would not attend the functions that were chaired by someone who was not from their section.

The Milano driveway was also the social place to go to enjoy your beverage if Joe and Alice were in their chairs sitting there!

Locally, Joe worked at local golf courses as a starter and got privileges to play golf. There were other Wiggins residents working at the same places.



A view of their unit on 434 Wiggins Lake Court from across the lake in 1996



Joe was part of a group of Wiggins guys who would have sailboat races in the Lakes!



Fun in the pool

After many years of the snowbird lifestyle, Joe and Alice became year round residents of Wiggins a few years ago, and our Wiggins community is lucky to have them! Today, Joe and Alice are still very engaging to chat with. Both read the weekly Board updates and Newsletters and like to keep abreast of Wiggins Happenings! You will still often see Joe and Alice sitting outside their garage enjoying Wiggins weather. Say hello, and be ready for a lively conversation.

## Being a Good Neighbor in Wiggins: let's work together!

Our Wiggins Rules and Regulations are in place to keep our community beautiful, friendly, and safe. Recently a group of our owners were part of a Rules and Regulations Committee to review all of our current rules, update any that needed revision, and recommend new rules to the Board. In the Board meeting on December 11, the new Rules and Regulations will be reviewed, discussed, and voted on.

Being a good neighbor in Wiggins means being a good owner. For those owners who live here, either as full time residents or snowbirds, please be respectful and follow the rules of the community. But a large percentage of units in our community are rented out, especially during season. For those owners who rent out your unit, it is important to share our Rules and Regulations with your tenants. This summer during the sealcoating, many of the issues we had was with renters who were not being informed by their owners. So if you rent out your unit, please print out the Wiggins Rules and Regulations and provide them to your renters, tenants, and guests. They are on our website at:

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

An area where there seems to be some confusion is with the trash and recycling collection.

### So, let's talk trash...

Recently, the association has had some complaints from residents about garbage. It's important to follow some basic rules around disposal as it keeps our neighborhood looking tidy and helps reduce the potential for pests. If you have renters or tenants please ensure that they understand our rules. You are responsible for the behavior of your renters, tenants, and guests. Thank you for your help on this!

#### In our Coach Homes (4 unit buildings with garages):

- Coach homes have curbside pickup. **YES**  
Trash pickup on Tues and Fri;  
Recycling on Fri. only. Bulk items pickup on Fri.
- Coach homes should not use the dumpsters for refuse of any kind. **NO**
- On pickup days, use the appropriate bins and bring them to the curb. Do NOT leave bags or boxes curbside. **YES**
- Return the empty bins to the garage by the end of the day. **NO**
- If you are in need of a waste container, contact Waste Management at [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)



#### In our Lakes' Condos (long buildings)

- Never leave garbage curbside. Household garbage should be bagged and placed in the dumpster.
- Recyclables should be broken down and put into the designated yellow/green recycle bins. Break down boxes to maximize space.
- Do not leave recyclables in plastic bags; drop them loosely into the bins. Plastic bags are not recyclable.
- Bulk/large items such as furniture should not be disposed in, or left near, the dumpsters. For bulk items, pickup can be arranged with the waste management company.



# Activities and Events at Wiggins

We post this in every issue 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 am for experienced pickleball players. 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.

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

**Ping Pong:** Mondays 6:30-8 pm. Location: Clubhouse. Open play for all residents. All skill levels welcome.

**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, December, and May meetings are held virtually; all other months meetings are in person.)

**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.

**Rummikub:** 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.



Our new ping pong table is getting a lot of use - both during our Monday Night Open Play, and during the day for informal play. Come on over and give it a try - even if you are a newcomer!



# Holiday Happenings

## The Naples Players, thru Dec 22

A Christmas Story, The Musical

Tickets: [www.my.naplesplayers.org](http://www.my.naplesplayers.org)



**Magic of Lights** - Paradise Coast Sports Complex  
thru Jan 4, Mon-Thurs 6-9 PM, Fri-Sun 6-10 PM

Tickets required. <https://magicoflights.com>



## 3rd Street South, [www.thirdstreetsouth.com](http://www.thirdstreetsouth.com)

- North Pole on Third (Recurring Nov - Dec)
- Holiday Stroll, Dec 12, 5 - 8 PM
- Santa Paws, Dec 14, 1 - 3 PM



## Naples Botanical Garden: Johnsonville Night Lights in the Garden, Nov 29 - Jan 5

[www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org) for tickets and event calendar



## The Village Shops at Venetian Bay - <https://venetianvillage.com/events>

- thru Dec 21 / Sun, Dec 22 / Tues, Dec 24 - Holiday on the Bay
- Thurs, Dec 5, 6 PM, Village School of Naples Choral Performance
- Tues, Dec 10, 6 - 8 PM, Grove Culture Music School Performance
- Thurs, Dec 12, 5 - 8 PM, Santa **Paws**

## City of Naples Christmas Parade

Tues, Dec 3, 6 - 8 PM, Downtown Naples

[www.naplesgov.com](http://www.naplesgov.com)

## Naples Design District Holiday Stroll

Wed, Dec 4, 4 - 8 PM

[www.info@naplesdesigndistrict.com](mailto:www.info@naplesdesigndistrict.com)

## Historic Palm Cottage Holiday Tours

Dec 3 thru Dec 21, Tues thru Sat 12, 1, 2, and 3 PM with reservations (45 min), \$13 pp

Free during evening visits: Thurs, Fri, Sat 4 - 7 PM / email: [nhs@NaplesHistoricalSociety.org](mailto:nhs@NaplesHistoricalSociety.org)



## Fifth Avenue Christmas Walk & Tree Lighting

Fri, Dec 6, 5 - 10 PM, Sat, Dec 7, 10 AM - 10 PM

[www.fifthavenuesouth.com](http://www.fifthavenuesouth.com)

## Handel's Messiah - Artis Naples

Dec 7 @ 7:30 PM & Dec 8 @ 7 PM

Tickets: [www.tickets.artisnaples.org](http://www.tickets.artisnaples.org)

## Christmas Boat Parade, Sat, Dec 14, 6:15 - 8:30 PM. Begins at Naples City Dock.

[www.miacc.org](http://www.miacc.org) for details and parade route information



## Candlelight Christmas Carols at Cambier Park - Fri, Dec 20, 6:30 - 8 PM

[www.carolsatcambier.com](http://www.carolsatcambier.com)

## Chanukah Celebration and Menorah Lighting - Dec 26, 5 - 6 PM

Mercato on the Lawn. [www.gulfshorelife.com](http://www.gulfshorelife.com)





## BONITA SPRINGS

### At Riverside Park:

- **Holiday Stroll** - Dec 1, 2024 - Jan 1, 2025
- **Holiday in the Park - Tree Lighting** - Dec 3, 4:30 - 8:30 PM
- **Movie in the Park - *Santa Claus*** - Fri., Dec 6 at dusk

[www.cityofbonitasprings.org](http://www.cityofbonitasprings.org) for information



### Winter Serenade: Magic Holiday Memories

ArtsBonita Performing Arts Center - Dec 13, 7:30 - 9 PM

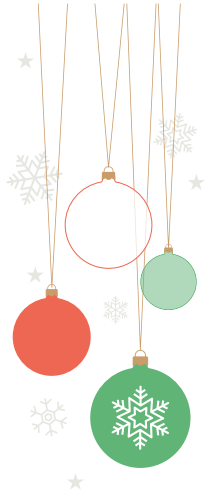
Tickets: <https://artsbonita.org> (search event)



## FORT MYERS

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

- **Gulf Coast Symphony - Deck The Halls**, Sun, Dec 8 @ 7 PM
- **Matthew West - Come Home For Christmas**, Tues, Dec 10 @ 7:30 PM
- **North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts: The Nutcracker**, Wed Dec 11 @ 7 PM
- **Gulf Coast Symphony - The Nutcracker**, Sat, Dec, 21 @ 7:30 PM
- **Cirque Dreams Holidaze**, Sat, December 28 @ 4 PM & Sun, Dec 29 @ 1 PM



**Edison and Ford Holiday Nights**, thru - Jan 5, 2025, 5:30 - 9 PM

Tickets: <https://www.fortmyersbeach.org/events.edison-ford-holiday-nights/>



**Fort Myers Festival of Trees**, Dec 5-8. See <https://fortmyersfestivaloftrees.com>

Downtown Fort Myers, Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center



**Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium: Holiday Lights Trail Walk**,

Dec 6 - 29, 6 - 9:30 PM / Tickets: [www.calusanature.org](http://www.calusanature.org)

**Christmas Boat Parade**, Dec 7, 6-8 PM /

[www.fortmyersbeach.org](http://www.fortmyersbeach.org)



**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**



## LOCAL ATTRACTIONS TO KEEP YOU BUSY!

### FARMERS MARKETS

#### Vanderbilt Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 AM - 1 PM  
2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road

#### Pine Ridge Road Farmers Market

Sundays, 9 AM - 1 PM  
3370 Pine Ridge Road

#### Farmer Mike's U-Pick

7 days a Week, 9 AM - 5 PM  
26031 Morton Ave, Bonita Springs  
<https://farmermikesupick.com>



#### Third Street South Farmers Market

Saturdays, 7:30 - 11:30 AM

#### Bonita Springs Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 AM - Noon  
Promenade Shopping Center

#### Coconut Point Farmers Market

Thursdays, 9 AM - 1 PM  
Fashion Drive, Coconut Point Mall

### ARTS FESTIVALS

#### New Years Weekend Art Festival

Coconut Point Mall  
Dec 28 - Dec 29, 10 AM - 5 PM  
[www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com)



#### New Year's Art Fair

Sat, Jan 4 & Sun, Jan 5, 10 AM - 5 PM  
Cambier Park  
[www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org)

### HOW ABOUT A FIRST DAY HIKE?

#### COLLIER - SEMINOLE STATE PARK

**TAKE A GUIDED FIRST DAY HIKE WITH A PARK RANGER ON  
THE HISTORIC OLD MARCO ROAD!**

Wed., Jan 1, 2025, 9 AM - 11 AM

Prairie Hammock Trail

Fees: \$5 per vehicle (up to 8 people), \$4 single occupant  
vehicle

[www.floridastateparks.org](http://www.floridastateparks.org)



- Rivers Road Preserve
- North Collier Regional Park
- Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary
- Gordon River Greenway
- Bird Rookery Swamp loop

- Pepper Ranch Preserve
- Freedom Park
- Marsh Trail
- Baker Park Loop
- Lake Avalon Loop





## WHERE DO I FIND THIS? Helpful websites:

### Wiggins Lakes and Preserve Website

<http://wlpnaples.com>

### Association Rules

Wiggins Lakes and Preserve Website

<http://wlpnaples.com>

### WLP Events

Wiggins Lakes and Preserve Website

<http://wlpnaples.com>

### Submit an Association Service Request

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/P88rcgmycOhCfJfX3Z>



Are you receiving the **EMAIL BLASTS** from Wiggins Lakes & Preserve? If not, go to the website [wlpnaples.com](http://wlpnaples.com) Then go to the Owners Section , scroll down and click on “Sign Up for Email Blasts.”

Are you receiving the **TEXT MESSAGES** from Wiggins Lakes & Preserve? If not, provide your cell phone number to Jill. Text messages are only used for emergency or essential information.



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](https://wlpnaples.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>

### Our Communication Committee:

Debbie London, Chair

Art Dietze

Roger Jonas

Sue Szachowicz, Board Liaison

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

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