

What's Happening at Wiggins

"May we all have a vision now and then, of a world where every neighbor is a friend. Happy New Year!" ABBA



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:

January 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

On **Friday, January 3, 2025 at 10 am** there will be a Special Board of Directors meeting for the purpose of the levy of a special assessment. The special assessment will be in the total amount of \$265,000 to provide funds to pay for the completion of upgrades to the landscaping per damage caused by Hurricane Ian. The breakdown of the proposed assessment is as follows: \$265,000 (\$1,250 per Unit). The meeting notice was sent to all owners by email.

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ANNUAL BOARD MEETING:

The Annual Meeting for Wiggins Lakes & Preserve will be on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 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



Gary Doyle
President

A Holiday Message from our BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to our Wiggins community! We hope you all had a healthy and happy holiday season with your families. We are looking forward to seeing you all back here in Wiggins for the 2025 season. This time of year brings an opportunity to celebrate our community and also look ahead to the possibilities 2025 will bring. And we really feel great about this coming year in Wiggins.

2024 was about progress – we made some big strides forward in our landscaping, community improvements, and communication. These successes have been because of so many of you who have stepped up to help – thank you for your continued support and engagement. And as we move into the New Year, our Board remains committed to working together to enhance the quality of life in Wiggins.

As you return to Wiggins after the holidays, we know that you will reconnect with your neighbors and friends and enjoy the activities in our community. The weather here is gorgeous, and the spirit is positive. We hope the New Year brings everyone good health and happiness! Happy New Year and welcome back!



Sue Szachowicz
Vice President



Tom Wennogle
Secretary



Dave Lyle
Treasurer



Howard London
Director



Mike Wolfe
Director

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 Or by phone at 239-351-2027.

SAFETY REQUEST!

When driving around our community, **PLEASE STOP** at all STOP signs. Too many times people drive right through the intersections and are driving way too fast. Remember we have lots of dog walkers, bikers, kids on bikes, walkers, runners, and folks out for leisurely strolls. And keep to our 15 miles per hour speed limit. Keep us all safe and drive with caution around the community!



LANDSCAPING UPDATE from our Landscape Committee

Since the last newsletter, we received plans and estimated costs for the fronts and sides of all buildings from Leo Jr. Landscaping. Building 773 was completed as a prototype for a long building and Building 431 was completed as a model for coach homes. Each building will have some variety so not all buildings will look the same, but the intention is for the community to have a unifying look. Plants are selected to be salt tolerant, native and drought tolerant.



431 Wiggins Lake Court

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.



773 Wiggins Lake Drive

The Landscape Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that an assessment be applied to finish all fronts and sides of buildings so that the work can begin immediately in 2025. The Board will vote on the suggested assessment on January 3. It is important to remember that this work is still addressing the devastation of Hurricane Ian, and it has now been over two years. Backs of buildings are not yet addressed in current plans. However, at the last Board meeting, the Board approved the recommendations of the Rules and Regulations Committee to allow for some potted plants to be placed outside the lanais. Specifically, the new rules state:



The black mulch looks great!



First floor units may have up to 4 live potted plants (not artificial) outside Lakes and Coach Home lanais. This is only allowed during non-hurricane seasons and only when owners are in residence. Plants cannot be in plastic pots, can be no larger than 12" diameter, and no trellis. First floor Coach Homeowners may also have 2 live (not artificial) potted plants under the steps. This is only allowed during non-hurricane seasons and only when owners are in residence. Plants cannot be in plastic pots, no larger than 12" diameter, and no trellis.

As many return to our community, you will see more plants, enhanced landscaping and additional work in the coming months.



In our previous newsletter, we introduced the Social Committee's initiative to replace worn-out tree ornaments with ones that symbolize our residents' home states and communities. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed an ornament. We had many states represented. It gave the Wiggins Christmas tree a wonderful personal character. We eagerly anticipate this tradition continuing!



We hope that next year we will have MANY more! Please add to the Wiggins spirit!



The Ugly Sweater Party - A Wiggins Tradition Continues

The Wiggins Clubhouse was filled with laughter, friends and holiday cheer for our Ugly Sweater Party. A HUGE thank you to Ed and Delia Stull for their amazing work putting this wonderful evening together! The evening kicked off with a delicious chicken and salad dinner accompanied by many dishes brought by our Wiggins party-goers. When it was time for the coffee and desserts, the games began.



They all thought they had an original idea! What a great looking group!

Admire Abigale's Ugly Sweater - She was the contest winner!



Congratulations to Abigale Jones for her Ugly Sweater victory! Then we all were challenged in the Mitten Game. We had to open a Christmas present while wearing oven mitts and wearing a crazy hat and scarf. So many laughs! Finally we enjoyed a couple of games of Left, Right, Center.



The Ugly Sweater Party continued - Let the games begin...



Thanks to Delia and Ed, and all of those who brought dishes, or simply came to share friendships and laughter. It was a wonderful evening for all to ring in the holidays. We hope to see even more people here next year!



Our Wiggins owners now have access to our Clubhouse to gather, play board games, ping pong, or just talk with each other whenever it is not scheduled for a community activity. Also, owners will be able to reserve the Clubhouse to use for their own function, activity or meeting. There is a lock on the door with code access. If you did not already receive the code, please check with Jill. Please do not share the code with renters, tenants or guests. Before you head over, just check the calendar on the website to make sure it is not booked. If it is available, you are welcome to to come over!

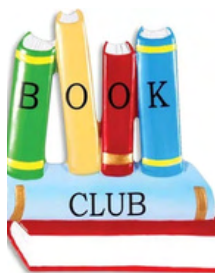


BINGO RETURNS on Monday JANUARY 13

Let's pack the Clubhouse - the more people, the bigger the jackpots! \$5 per card, 3 for \$10. Use the same cards all night! SEE YOU THERE!

Book Club Update:

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 to get on the Book Club email list to get all the information! Join us!



The remaining Book Club Schedule for the 2024-25 Season

- 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

NOTHING stops Wiggins Pickleball

We've had some cold mornings! But we are always ready to go. If you are an experienced player, 9:00-10:30 every morning is for community play. For newcomers, the courts are open on a first come first served basis the rest of the day.



EUCHRE

If you're from the Midwestern US, Australia, Canada, Great Britain, or New Zealand, you might be familiar with a card game called Euchre (pronounced YEW-ker). For the uninitiated, Euchre is a card game that dates back to the 1800's and was once regarded as America's National Card Game. It has various regional variations and rules.



We consulted with Terry Weiner, a resident who organizes our Euchre games at WLP, and he recommends YouTube as the best resource to learn how to play.

For those interested, beginning on January 2, Euchre games will be held in the clubhouse at 7 PM and are open to everyone. If you plan to join, please arrive a bit before 7 PM. The entry fee is \$5 per person, and the winner gets some of that!

Thank you to our Documents Project group who are working diligently to ensure our outdated documents conform to Florida laws and reflect the concerns of our community. Chaired by Director Howard London, the group consists of Karen Grossbier, Dave Hunter, Sue Jonas, and Terry Weiner.

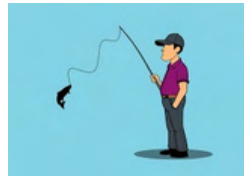
They have reviewed original documents and the new proposed documents. They then met with Attorney Joe Adams who provided valuable counsel on why particular changes were needed and what the laws now require. They suggested changes to the revised documents to Attorney Adams, and met again with him. They are now reviewing the newest revisions from the attorney.

The committee is now developing plans to present its work to the entire Wiggins community in a way that is clear, transparent, and allows for a full discussion in a series of Town Halls, including one in which Attorney Adams will be present. The Communication Committee will keep everyone informed about next steps. The work of this committee has been tedious, and we are grateful for the dedication of this group!



Frustrated with fishing!!!

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. 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. Thank you for your help with this very frustrating issue.



PUBLIX UPDATE: It sure looks like it's coming!

If you have been keeping up with our newsletters, you will recall that last month's issue mentioned the ongoing construction at the Gateway Shops at North Bay (formerly Lucky's). The site is undergoing extensive renovation and site work, expected to take approximately 18 months. For more details about this project, please visit: <https://www.gulfshorebusiness.com/work-publix-wiggins-u-s-41/>



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 were voted in and these changes will be updated on the website soon.

Here are a few of the changes: (The full list will be posted on the website soon)

- **For the pools:** No food permitted in pool or on pool deck. Drinking water is allowed in its original plastic container, in sealed containers such as a Yeti or Stanley tumblers, or in Styrofoam or plastic drink cups with lids. No coolers permitted.
- **For outside your units:** First floor units may have up to 4 live potted plants (not artificial) outside Lakes and Coach Home lanais. This is only allowed during non-hurricane seasons and only when owners are in residence. Plants cannot be in plastic pots, can be no larger than 12" diameter, and no trellis. First floor Coach Homeowners may also have 2 live (not artificial) potted plants under the steps. This is only allowed during non-hurricane seasons and only when owners are in residence. Plants cannot be in plastic pots, no larger than 12" diameter, and no trellis.

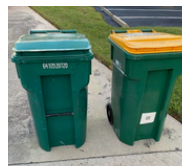
We are still having problems with people using the dumpsters:

Being a good neighbor in Wiggins means being a good owner. For owners who rent out your unit, please share our Rules and Regulations with your renters, tenants, or guests. We all need to be respectful of our community.

So, let's talk trash...

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



This is an example of the issues we have had. This was in the dumpster area by 765 a few days before Christmas.



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 a.m. 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). If the outside temperature is below 65 degrees, the activity does not take place.



Ping Pong: Mondays 6:30-8:00 p.m. Location: Clubhouse. Open play for all residents. All skill levels welcome.



Book Club: The third Thursday of every month from October to May. Time: 7:00 – 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, 7:00-9:00 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 10:00 a.m. – noon. Location: Clubhouse. Bring your own sewing, knitting, or other handiwork.



Rummikub: Every Friday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Location: Clubhouse.



Euchre: Every Thursday at 7:00 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!



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

Bonita Springs Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 AM - 1 PM
Promenade at Bonita Bay



Third Street South Farmers Market

Saturdays, 7:30 - 11:30 AM

Coconut Point Farmers Market

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

Farmer Mike's U-Pick

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



ART, MUSIC & MORE!

At Cambier Park

- **New Year's Art Fair** - Sat, Jan 4 & Sun, Jan 5, 10 A - 5 PM
- **Naples Big Band Concerts** - Mon, Jan 6, 7-9 PM
- **Nash to Naples Songwriter Festival** - Sat., Jan 11, 6 PM (tickets req'd)
- **Gulf Coast Big Band** - Sun, Jan 19, 2-4 PM
- **Stardust Memories "Big Band Classics"** - Mon, Jan 27



At Mercato

- **Music Under the Banyan** - Saturdays, 6-8 PM
- **Mercato Nights Music** - on the lawn, first Thurs each month, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- **2nd Annual Mercato Art Celebration** - Sat & Sun, Jan 25-26, 10 AM- 6PM



ArtFest Naples - Sat, Jan 18, 10 AM - 5 PM / Sun Jan 19, 10 AM - 4 PM, Fleischmann Park

Naples Fine Art Show - Jan 25-26, 10 AM - 5 PM, Naples Italian American Club

En Plein Air Festival with Naples Art District Artists - Jan 25, Naples Botanical Garden

Art in the Park - Sat, Feb 1, 10 AM - 4 PM, Fleischmann Park

Cars on 5th - Sat, Feb 8, 10 AM - 4 PM

In Bonita Springs

Bonita Springs National Art Festival - Sat & Sun, Jan 11-12, 10 AM - 5 PM, Riverside Park

Bonita Springs Concert Band - Sun, Jan 19, 2 - 3:30 PM, Riverside Park

Bonita Springs Nat'l Art Festival, 25th Anniversary - Feb 8-9, 10 AM- 5 PM, Riverside Park

Stardust Memories "Big Band Classics," - Tue, Jan 28, Riverside Park

In Fort Myers

ArtFest Fort Myers - Sat & Sun, Feb 1-2 / Opening Night Fri., Jan 1

BROADWAY PRODUCTIONS, FILM, DANCE, MUSIC, COMEDY, LECTURES AND MORE!

Performing Arts Venues in Naples, Fort Myers and Bonita Springs

Artis-Naples

<https://www.artisnaples.org>

The Baker Museum offers Free Admission the last Wednesday of each month.



Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall

<https://www.bbmannpah.com>

Comedy shows, touring Broadway, Concerts, Symphonies and other events.
Visit and explore the websites for information on the many and varied offerings.
Advance planning is encouraged! Tickets often sell out early!



Gulf Shore Playhouse - www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org

- *Dial "M" for Murder*, Jan 12 - Feb 6
- *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grille*, Mar 16 - Apr 19
- *The Lehman Trilogy*, Jan 26 - Mar 2
- *Sweet Charity*, April 6 - May 4
- *Noises Off*, Feb 23 - Mar 16

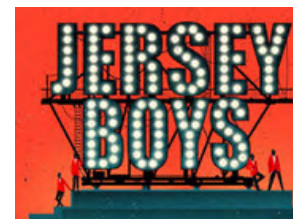
The Naples Players - www.naplesplayers.org

- *The Play That Goes Wrong*, Jan 15 - Feb 16
- *The Half-Life of Marie Currie*, Apr 2 - 27
- *Death of a Salesman*, Feb 5 - Mar 2
- The Hallelujah Girls, May 7 - 25
- *Man of La Mancha*, Mar 12 - Apr 13



Theatre Zone - www.theatre.zone

- *Once*, Jan 9 - 19
- *The Rink*, Feb 6 - 16
- *Jersey Boys*, March 6 - 16



Florida Repertory Theatre - <https://www.floridarep.org>

- *Fully Committed*, thru Jan 12
- *Bloomsday*, Jan 28 - Mar 2
- *Lucky Stiff*, Jan 7 - 26
- *Boca*, Feb 11 - Mar 2
- *Gib Pool (Comedy)*, Jan 17
- *Shout*, Mar 18 - Apr 13
- *Mark Klein (Comedy)*, Jan 24
- *Venus in Fur*, Apr 15 - May 18

ARTSbonita - www.artsbonita.org, 10150 Bonita Beach Road

- *Mark Sanders (Celebrating Broadway)*, Jan 3, 7:30
- *Chicago Transit (Tribute)*, Jan 19, 7:00
- *Donna the Buffalo (Rock Country)*, Jan 4, 7:30
- *Appalachian Road Show (Bluegrass)*, Jan 20, 7:00
- *Martin (90's Country)*, Jan 8, 7:30
- *Monroe Crossing (Bluegrass)*, Jan 23, 7:30
- *Zach Bartholomew (Jazz)*, Jan 9, 7:30
- *Empire Trio (Cabaret)*, Jan 24, 7:30
- *SLG's Girl Power (Pop-Rock)*, Jan 15, 7:30
- *Ronnie Baker Brooks*, Jan 25, 7:30
- *Rick Howard (Blues)*, Jan 16, 7:30
- *The Boy from Block 66 (Theatre)*, Jan 30 - Feb 2, 7:00
- *Marlow Rosado (Latin Music)*, Jan 17, 7:30
- *The Weight Band (Eclectic)*, Jan 30, 7:30
- *Allan Harris (Jazz)*, Jan 18, 7:30
- *Robert Jon & the Wreck (Rock)*, Feb 1, 8:00

A FEW DAY OUTING IDEAS



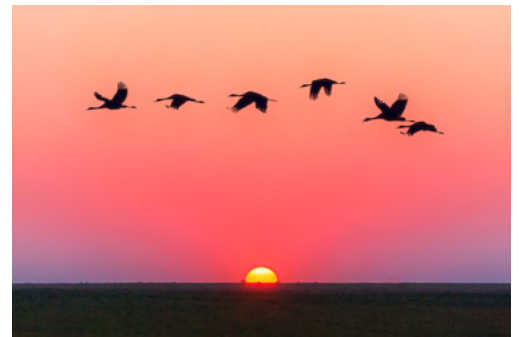
Manatee Park - <https://www.leegov.com/parks/parks/>
Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers - Open every day 8 AM-sunset
Optimum viewing months Dec-Feb when gulf temp is below 68F

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary - www.corkscrew.audubon.org
2.25 mile boardwalk adventure



Six Mile Cypress Sough Preserve, www.sloughpreserve.org, Fort Myers
1.2 mile boardwalk . Open dawn to dusk / No pets allowed. Guided walks available.

J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, www.fws.gov,
A park on the Gulf in Sanibel with over 230 species of birds
pus trails, tours and family activities.



Thrifting Party Bus Tour - www.thriftingbustours.com

Fri, Jan 24, 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM. Boarding in Naples, Bonita and Fort Myers going to Sarasota and Bradenton.



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 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

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

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Roger Jonas

Sue Szachowicz, Board Liaison

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

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