

# What's Happening at Wiggins

*"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."*

Winston Churchill



## March is almost over!

It has been a busy stretch here in Wiggins. The Social Committee has organized many activities and the attendance has been amazing. It speaks to the wonderful community here at Wiggins. In this issue we will report on all these activities that continue to bring people together.

Our Communications Committee, Art Dietze, Roger Jonas, Maria Strazzante, and Sue Szachowicz (Board Liaison), want to keep our community engaged. We are always looking for additional members of our committee, so please consider joining us - we could use additional support for putting the newsletter together. We would also welcome help with taking photos, or reporting on events in the area. We welcome any of your suggestions so please reach out to us with your thoughts and ideas at:

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

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## Upcoming Social Event in APRIL

**APRIL 10: END OF SEASON APPETIZER  
5:30 PM BLOCK PARTY**

Let's get together on **Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** for an end of season block party. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share, your own beverage and a chair. There will be corn hole and dice games to play. Bring \$\$ for betting. No need to RSVP! Just show up for a fun filled evening.

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

## A Message from the Board of Directors



Tom Wennogle  
President

It is hard to believe that we are almost through March! Looking back on our busy season in Wiggins, we are in great shape. Painting, roofing, and sealcoating, all huge projects, have been completed over the past couple of years, and the landscaping is looking great, even amid this awful drought. Our Reserves are fully funded, and our Lighting Committee is getting close to making a recommendation on new lighting for the community.



Sue Szachowicz  
Vice President

Security has been a high priority for our community. We are moving ahead on some cameras around the community to enhance the security, and we set up the Community Safety Summit on March 25 with our community policing partners. As we have said in several Board meetings, we have a very valuable investment here at Wiggins, and we need to protect it the best we can.



Geoff Moore  
Secretary

Communication is essential, and we remain committed to always keeping you informed. As well as this fabulous newsletter, THANK YOU to the Communications Committee, the Board publishes the Wiggins Weekly. It is only one page in length and is published every weekend. It is sent out via email blast and is posted on the home page of our website. We urge every resident to take a moment to read it. Remember, you can't stay informed if you do not read it.



Dave Lyle  
Treasurer

Of course there are always challenges to face. Now that our Property Manager has resigned, we are in the process of looking at all our options for providing the best services possible for our Wiggins community. We want to protect our property values, respond to residents' concerns, and ensure compliance to all the new, and often complicated and confusing, Florida condominium laws. We take this responsibility seriously. We thank you for your support and ask for your patience as we search to find the best solutions for Wiggins.



Terry Weiner  
Director

For those snowbirds who return north at the end of March, safe travels! For those staying on here at Wiggins, enjoy every moment of our piece of paradise!



Maggie Herrmann  
Director

## Our Property Management Update

Following the resignation of Derek as our Property Manager, the Board has been working hard to explore management options for our community. If you do have any issues or concerns with your property, the Message to the Manager link is still operational. Your messages are now being sent to Dave Hurst, the Regional Manager for Resort Management. As a reminder, go to our homepage at [wlpnaples.com](http://wlpnaples.com), and click on Message to the Manager. This takes you to a form to complete. When you hit submit, it will go to Dave Hurst. We appreciate your patience as we work through this challenging time.

# Memories of Wiggins - More Photos from Back in the Day

Communications Committee member Art Dietze has some of the original material from when his family first bought at Wiggins. They saved some of their earliest memories. Here are some pictures from Wiggins' beginnings:



Notice this location. There was a small lake with a fountain by the entrance at Gulf Harbor.

Developed by Lee Grant  
 Partner - McGlynn DeV...

1990

**Wiggins Lakes**

**WEST OF U.S. 41, NEXT TO WIGGINS BAY YACHT CLUB**  
 TWO AND THREE BEDROOM CONDOMINIUMS  
 FROM **\$81,900**

Gulf of Mexico  
 Wiggins Pass  
 Vanderbilt Beach Drive  
 Wiggins Bay Yacht Club  
 Gulf Harbor Drive  
 Wiggins Lakes  
 Pam Am Road  
 Wiggins Pass Road

Wiggins Lakes is a unique residential community of two and three bedroom condominiums in a park-like setting of lakes and roads only a few minutes from the beautiful gulf beaches, with its own clubhouse and swimming pool and Wiggins Yacht and Tennis Club next door. All sporting activities will be within minutes of your new home.

1520 Gulf Harbor Drive Naples, Florida 33963 (813) 594-0041



New owners were offered the opportunity to purchase a furniture package. There may still be some pieces of the original furniture here at Wiggins!

**The Heron**  
 3 Bedrooms - 2 Baths  
 1071 sq. ft.

**The Egret**  
 2 Bedrooms - 2 Baths  
 707 sq. ft.

**GENERAL - INTERIOR**

- Property is less than 10% of total area
- Each master suite includes a separate closet
- Granite bath
- Wood floor in living and dining areas
- Each master bedroom includes a walk-in closet
- Hardwood floors
- Stainless steel appliances
- Large central air conditioning system
- Private parking assigned
- Large master bedroom with walk-in closet
- Large beautiful air-conditioned balcony
- Individual private entry doors to each unit
- Covered parking
- Wiggin's pool

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- Each master suite includes a separate closet
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**IN THE KITCHEN**

- Kitchen designed to be functional and efficient
- Stainless steel kitchen cabinets
- Range with self-cleaning oven, and with broiler
- Double stainless steel sink
- Hardwood floors
- Refrigerator with ice maker
- Stainless steel
- Water dispenser with triple control system
- Stainless lighting

**IN THE BATH**

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**Our ITALIAN DINNER AND TRIVIA NIGHT!**

What a wonderful, delicious, and fun evening! Thanks to the hard work of a number of volunteers from our community, this event was a huge success - over forty people attended. Our newsletter correspondents in attendance must apologize! We were all having so much fun, none of us took any pictures of the event! Jodi Dilley designed the centerpieces (the only picture we took!) and Jodi and Donna McKenna organized the food, catered by New York Pizza and Pasta - it was delicious! After everyone enjoyed their meals, then came the trivia. We drew numbers to break into random teams, and Terry Weiner and Roger Jonas took over the show.



The first session of trivia was an Olympics theme - and the questions ranged from simple to challenging. They had us all discussing and debating (and laughing a lot!) The second trivia session was an Italian theme, also funny, engaging, and challenging. We are all grateful to Terry and Roger and all those who helped either by bringing something to the dinner, or helping in the set up or clean up. And a warm thank you to all who attended this event - you all made it a fun evening!

**March BINGO was  
the best yet!**

We had the largest crowd we have ever had fill our Clubhouse for our March BINGO! Sixty-two players attended and consequently the jackpots were the largest EVER! From the opening game at \$50 to the final coverall at \$205, there were many happy winners. Even two 50-50 raffles were large! Thanks to Bill and Sue Szachowicz for running the event, to Mitzi Fazzola and Maria Rino for handling the BINGO card sales, and to George Fazzola and Donna McKenna for running the 50-50 raffles. This was the final BINGO of this season. We hope that you will all be back next year!



**The team that makes this happen!  
Mitzi, Maria, Donna, George, and Bill**



# The winners!

**B**  
**I**  
**N**  
**G**  
**O**



## Two 50-50 winners!



Thank you for a great season!



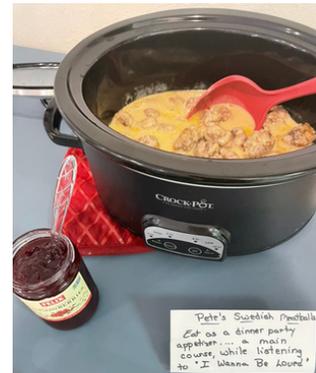
Another highly successful morning coffee social celebrating St. Patrick's Day! Forty-two neighbors came together to enjoy wonderful conversation, great neighbors and friends, and delicious pastries provided by our Social Committee and our wonderful neighbors. Thanks to Jodi Dilley and the team of volunteers who took care of the set up and clean up. And most importantly, thanks to everyone who attended. It was a wonderful morning!



The Wiggins Book Club recently stepped back in time to the 1950s as we read The Briar Club by Kate Quinn—a story set during the McCarthy era and centered around a group of quirky boarding house residents who gather each Thursday evening to share a meal.

Inspired by the novel (and the many recipes sprinkled throughout its pages), our own Thursday gathering took a delicious turn. Book Club member Lynn Radicello, who led the discussion, challenged us to bring dishes featured in the book. The result? A table full of creativity, laughter, and some truly memorable culinary adventures. Here's what our talented chefs served up:

- Kathy Doyle mixed the evening's signature drink, Briarwood House Goodnight and Good Luck—which lived up to its name and proved to be, shall we say... very potent!
- Donna McKenna refreshed us with Grace's Sun Tea, a perfect companion for lively conversation.
- Mitzi Fazzola bravely presented Arlene's Candle Salad, which looked a bit... unconventional (some might even say slightly scandalous), but was a hit nonetheless.
- Terri Freiheit prepared Reka's Haluski, a hearty and comforting dish that warmed both hearts and appetites.
- Sue Szachowicz contributed Pete's Swedish Meatballs, which disappeared from the serving dish in record time.
- Ginny Oram delighted us with Sydney's Fried Bananas with Rum, adding a sweet—and spirited—finish.
- And Lynn Radicello topped it all off with Fliss's Strawberry Fool, a dessert that was as delightful as its name.



We ate well. We talked about the book.

And most importantly—we laughed. A lot.

It was an evening that captured the very spirit of The Briar Club: good food, good company, and the joy of coming together around the table.



## Landscaping Committee Update

**A NOTE OF THANKS!** We are very grateful to our Landscape Committee for their tireless work to keep our community beautiful. It is important to remember that these folks are volunteers - they stepped up after Hurricane Ian destroyed our landscaping, and they continue to work on our community's behalf. So whenever you see our Landscape Committee, **Don Rodner, Lynn Radicello, and Dave Lyle**, out and about in the community walking the grounds, often with our Leo Jr. crew, please take a moment to say **THANK YOU!** Wiggins would not be the same without them.

The Landscape Committee continues to monitor lake salinity, health of planting, and to identify “holes” or where additional planting is needed. We had many trees and plants that became stressed due to the colder weather earlier this season. The good news is they are recovering nicely. The cold did impact the health of a tree that was identified in a nursery for planting in front of a lakes building. Our landscaper refused delivery of said tree and we anticipate that a healthier one will be available soon.

Additional plants have been placed along the sides of garages and around mechanicals. Extra attention was provided for trimming and maintenance around the entrance. Plants not thriving were replaced under warranty. Additional areas with drainage issues have been addressed. The bougainvillea along the bridge have been removed as those plants were slowly and steadily dying. Soil samples have been taken to help inform future planting there.

At this time, we are irrigating with municipal water due to the drought that has impacted the water levels of our lakes. We are working with our landscaping company to provide advanced notice regarding any fertilizer or pesticide that may be broadly applied.

**NOTE: Our irrigation system is now almost thirty years old, and we continue to face some issues of aging. If you see a misaimed sprinkler head, leaks, or have a question or concern about the landscaping, please send a message using Message to the Manager link on our website. Although our Property Manager, Derek, has now resigned, that link is still active and being handled by Dave Hurst at Resort Management. Thank you!**



The area by the bridge has now been removed and area mulched



Some sides of buildings look great, others still need some attention



The North American river otter, also known as the northern river otter and river otter, is a semiaquatic mammal that is endemic to the North American continent, and is found throughout most of Canada, the United States and parts of Mexico. Otters have adapted for life in both freshwater and coastal habitats.

The otters have been visiting us at Wiggins. A couple of years ago a pair of otters was seen going from Lake 4 to Lake 3 over land by our bridge. This season the otters have been playing in Lakes 2 and 3. Otters traveling over land look like inchworms on steroids! They were probably looking for fish even though there was a **'No Fishing'** sign nearby.

### Fun facts about otters:

- Adults typically weigh between 11-31 pounds and measure 2.5 to 5 feet.
- Their tails can comprise up to 40% of their total body length.
- Otters reach swim speeds of up to seven miles per hour, or three times faster than the average human swimmer.
- Baby otters are usually called pups. They can also be called kits or kittens. Litters are usually one to six.
- Female otters are sows and males are boars (just like pigs).
- Otter groups are called a family, bevy, lodge, or romp (which is more common on land).
- A group of otters in the water is most often called a raft.
- Fish is the favored food among otters but they also like various amphibians, freshwater clams, mussels, snails, small turtles and crayfish.
- Otters live in a holt, or den, constructed in the burrows of other animals or in natural hollows such as under a log in riverbanks.



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 intermediate level 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, except for tennis (see below). The courts and our community pickleball are for Wiggins residents only.



**Tennis:** Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Time: 10:30 AM - noon. Location: the tennis/pickleball court. There is a small group of dedicated tennis players who are always looking for other tennis players to join them. For Wiggins residents only.



**Water Aerobics:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Time: 9:00-10:00 AM. Location: the east pool (near the tennis/pickleball court). If the outside temperature is below 65 degrees, the activity does not take place.



**Book Club:** The third Thursday of every month from October to May. Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Wiggins 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:** Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM. Wiggins Clubhouse. Mexican Train is a game played with dominoes; bring nickels and dimes to ante up and participate.



**Rummikub:** Fridays from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Wiggins Clubhouse.



**Euchre:** Thursdays at 7:00 PM. (except for the third Thursday of the month when it shifts to Friday). Wiggins Clubhouse. Bring \$5.00 to play with a chance to win the pot at the end of the night.



**Poker:** Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Wiggins Clubhouse.



**Bingo:** Second Monday of the month in Jan, Feb, and March at 7:00 PM. Wiggins Clubhouse. \$5.00 per card, or 3 cards for \$10. Multiple games played per night; use the same cards all night.



## Ping-Pong:

We have a ping-pong table in the Clubhouse that is available for owners and their guests. It is open play on a first come-first served basis. Come on over and give it a try - even if you are a newcomer!





# WIGGINS LAKES & PRESERVE

April 2026

April brings the beauty of spring, meaningful religious celebrations, fun traditions, and important awareness events. From Easter celebrations and Passover traditions to Earth Month activities and lighthearted April Fools' jokes, there are many ways to enjoy the season and connect with family, community, and nature.

## APRIL HOLIDAYS

### PASSOVER - APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> - APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>

Passover is a major Jewish holiday that commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. The story is retold during the Passover Seder, a ceremonial meal where families gather to read from the Haggadah and share symbolic foods.



Common foods on the Seder plate include matzah (unleavened bread), bitter herbs, charoset, and salt water, each representing elements of the Exodus story. Passover celebrates themes of freedom, faith, remembrance, and gratitude.



### EASTER - APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>



Easter is one of the most important holidays in Christianity. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, symbolizing hope, renewal, and new life. The date of Easter changes each year and falls on the Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox.



Over time, religious observances have blended with cultural traditions such as Easter baskets, decorated eggs, and egg hunts. These traditions symbolize new life and the arrival of spring.

APRIL 2026

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SNEAK PEEK

- April 1 – April Fools' Day: A day for harmless pranks and laughter.
- April 7 – World Health Day: Promoting global health awareness.
- April 10 – National Siblings Day: Celebrating the bond between brothers and sisters.
- April 11 – National Pet Day: Honoring the joy pets bring to our lives.
- April 15 – Tax Day: The usual U.S. deadline for filing federal taxes.
- April 22 – Earth Day: A worldwide event focused on protecting the environment.
- Last Friday in April – Arbor Day: Encouraging people to plant and care for trees.

## EVENT DETAILS



### APRIL FOOLS DAY - APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

April Fools' Day is a lighthearted tradition dedicated to harmless pranks and playful jokes among friends and family. The day is meant to spark laughter and remind us not to take life too seriously.

### WORLD HEALTH DAY - APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>

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### NATIONAL SIBLINGS DAY - APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>

National Siblings Day celebrates the special bond shared between brothers and sisters. It's a time to appreciate childhood memories, lifelong support, and the unique connections that siblings share.

### NATIONAL PET DAY - APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>

National Pet Day honors the companionship, comfort, and joy that pets bring to our lives. It also encourages pet adoption and reminds us to care for animals in need.



### EARTH DAY - APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>

Earth Day is a worldwide event dedicated to protecting the environment and promoting sustainability. Many people celebrate by planting trees, reducing waste, and participating in community clean-up efforts.

### ARBOR DAY - APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>

Arbor Day encourages people to plant, nurture, and care for trees in their communities. The holiday highlights the important role trees play in improving air quality, supporting wildlife, and beautifying neighborhoods.



**CHECK OUT FARMERS MARKETS IN THE AREA! SHOP LOCAL!!!**

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH FARMERS MARKET**

**TUESDAYS: 8:30-1:30**

625 111<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, Naples (near Vanderbilt Dr.)

**MARCO ISLAND FARMERS MARKET**

**WEDNESDAYS: 7:00-2:00**

Veterans Community Park, 901 Park Ave, Marco Island

**COCONUT POINT FARMERS MARKET**

**THURSDAYS: 9:00-1:00**

Coconut Point, 23106 Fashion Drive, Estero

**WIGGINS BAY FARMERS MARKET**

**FRIDAYS: 9:30-1:00**

In the Wiggins Bay Community near the tennis courts

**BONITA SPRINGS FARMERS MARKET**

**SATURDAYS: 9:00-12:00**

The Promenade at Bonita Bay  
26795 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs

**VANDERBILT FARMERS MARKET**

**SATURDAYS: 8:00-1:00**

The Shoppes at Vanderbilt  
2315 Vanderbilt Beach Rd, Naples

**THIRD STREET SOUTH FARMERS MARKET**

**SATURDAYS: 7:30-11:30**

Third St. South from Broad Ave South to  
13<sup>th</sup> Ave. South

**PINE RIDGE ROAD FARMERS MARKET**

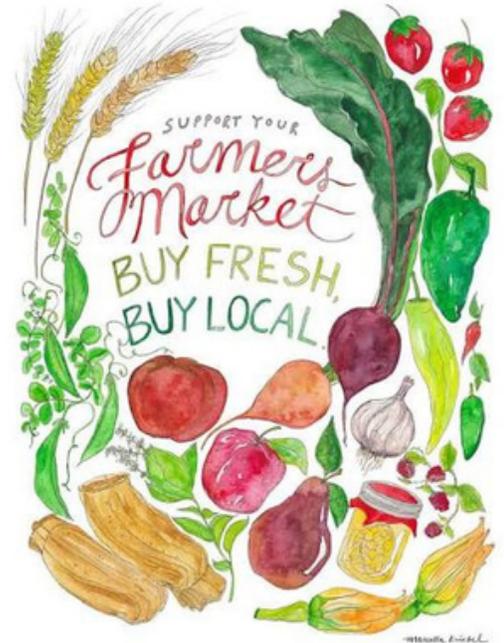
**SUNDAYS: 9:00-1:00**

In shopping center lot SE corner of Pine  
Ridge and Livingston, Naples

**GOLDEN GATE FARMERS MARKET**

**SUNDAYS: 9:00-2:00**

Northwest corner of Collier Boulevard,  
4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples



## 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>

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

### Waste Management

<https://www.wm.com/us/en/location/fl/naples>



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.”

### Our Communications Committee:

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Sue Szachowicz, Board Liaison

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### Do you have any questions or issues about your property?

When you have any questions or issues with your property, reach out to our management company using the **Message to the Property Manager** link on our website. Here's how to message:

1. Go to our website, [wlpnaples.com](http://wlpnaples.com), and on the Homepage you will see Message to the Property Manager.
2. Click on that link and it will take you to a form that is emailed directly to our Management Company. They check that daily and will get back to you. Using that Message to the Property Manager link provides a written record of your request and a response.

Be sure to check out the Wiggins Weekly, our Board publication, every weekend.