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## A note from our President



It has been my pleasure to be a member of this board for almost nine years. I began my volunteer work with the MPOA at the request of Linda Penniman. Having just lost my son to melanoma, I needed something to fill my time, adjust my focus, and allow my healing to begin. The park more than filled these needs. With a passion for horticulture and landscaping, I assisted in a renovation of the park. Tons of miscellaneous scrub shrubbery, bushes, dead trees and stumps, and hedges were removed. Knowing that a city sidewalk loomed in the near future, we placed a new clusia hedge as close to the street as we could to capture as much green space possible and restore some of the park's privacy. Dozens of trees were planted; the beautiful curving stone wall came back into view. New irrigation was installed and new signage was designed and put in place. I spent hundreds of hours at the park "walking and talking," telling everyone about the proposed changes. We were able to fund this massive project using only the very generous donations from you – our members. I got to know many of you personally and what a gift that was to me.

After the landscape renovation was completed, we discovered that some members were unable to get close enough to the beach to see it. We installed brick pavers at the ends of the north and center walkways to facilitate beach access. The park began to really shine and everyone wanted to be part of it. Membership numbers increased and we realized that a bathroom was sorely needed. Thanks to the leadership of our then President, Al Katz, a plan was devised to raise funds for the construction of a bathroom facility. A very nominal one-time fee was assessed and voila! funds were raised to build the facility. In fact, we did so well with the assessment fee and donations that we were able to install pavers in the entire parking area. Along the way we found that some of our old concrete benches and picnic tables were deteriorating and becoming safety hazards. After seeing the very attractive benches in Pelican Bay, I did a little research and the board agreed to purchase the benches you now see in the park.

Things quieted down for a while and we all took a breath. With the park essentially finished except for routine maintenance, we focused on the next big item to come up--our new welcome signage installed just last year. Again, paid for with dues and donations. It looks beautiful and we thank you!

Which brings us to the present. We have a few projects in various stages right now. Medians 1 and 2 on Mooring Line Drive have not been refreshed in more than 14 years. This important project will take place this year and will be paid for by the City. We have also discovered that the large Moorings sign at MLD and 41 is falling apart – it is made of Styrofoam and is crumbling. This will be another major undertaking for the MPOA and we are currently in the design stage for its replacement.

I am proud to be your representative at Presidents' Council while covering other obligations of serving as your president. We need to keep moving forward, adjusting to our demographic changes, and making sure our voice is heard with the City. The MPOA continues to rely upon annual dues and your generous donations to keep it vital. The Board is committed to preserving the beauty of The Moorings while recognizing our responsibilities in connection, conservation, ecology, and the protection of our waterways and bays - just some of the items listed in our mission. It is my pleasure to work on behalf of our lovely neighborhood and assist as the board deems necessary.

Thank you and see you at the park!

*Linda Black*

## Friendly & Faithful Park Personnel

**Keith Brown** – After playing water polo on the Jamaican National Team and between building and flying model airplanes, Keith has been welcoming beach goers for close to 20 years. He was drawn to Naples because of the honesty and trusting nature he first observed and then struck by the neighborly friendliness once he moved here. Stop, say 'hi,' and you will discover you have found a new friend.



**Pete Sharkey** – If you love nature, reading, and children; stop to meet Pete and you will find you have a lot in common to chat about. Pete, and his wife moved from NJ. They are the parents of five children, four living in other states and one here in Naples. Pete was a businessman and now serves as a substitute teacher or assisting at Moorings Park when he's not at our beach park. No beach grass could possibly grow under his feet. If you're a regular, Pete knows your name and if you're new he wants to get to know you.

**Ron Perry** – Ron and his family lived in PA and CA before settling in our corner of paradise. He loves all things connected to water including fish, kayak, sail, and scuba activities. He comes to the park three times per day even when he's not working here. His life before and outside of the Moorings was full with accounting, finance, and volunteer related commitments. Now he loves our park, our members, and the view with which we're blessed.

## A Mini State of our City of Naples from Mayor Bill Barnett



It is with pleasure that I write a mini version of the State of our City as we head in to what I envision will be another very busy but productive season.

The City of Naples real estate values increased approximately ten percent over the past year. That is more than we had predicted, and is a good problem to have.

We have many projects underway and an ambitious schedule to get some started, some finished, and some vetted before they hit the drawing board.

Let me take you on a quick City tour and just touch on a few of these projects:

- Baker Park has been funded and we have a plan approved and in the hands of the engineers. I would optimistically like to see some dirt shoveled in 2017. Central Avenue is moving along and as of today, September 5th, the target date is projected to be October 6. I expect it could be pushed back a week or two due to recent weather and the fact that we had absolutely no way of knowing what we would find when we started to put new drainage pipes in place of the old ones. Of course there were surprises and obstacles, but we are moving along.
- To the dismay of some and the joy of others Fifth Avenue South re-development continues to move forward. New restaurants abound and long gone are the days of just a few to choose from. Back in 1973 when I moved to Naples there were only two choices: St. George and the Dragon, and Piccadilly Pub!
- Traffic is still and will continue to be a very important issue and our staff is very aware of the importance we have put on this issue by making it a top priority now and not pushing it down the road. We will start by seeing what can be done to get our traffic lights working with a semblance of synchronization.
- We have three newly elected County Commissioners who will be seated in November and it is my intention to set up a joint City Council – County Commission workshop as soon as they can catch their breath and get acclimated to their new environment.

I would like to conclude this brief update by saying that we are fortunate to have a City Council that represents you as a property owners' association and as individuals 100%. I am comfortable saying we are, and will remain that way!

Respectfully,

*"Mayor Bill"*

## MPOA Social Events- A Benefit of Membership

Have we reminded you lately? You are The Moorings! We value YOU and want you to participate in all of our events and activities. It's more fun when you are a part of the party. Bring a comfortable chair and your favorite beverage. Sit with your friends and Moorings neighbors. Watch a sunset, listen to music, and enjoy life in paradise!

Last season we started off with a mayoral candidate forum at our January Luncheon at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. After lunch we heard from the Naples mayoral candidates and benefited from their perspectives along with a good Q&A.

We practiced our toe tapping in February to the tunes of the Marco Island Strummers. It was a perfect day in the Beach Park and most stayed for the sunset. The MPOA treated members to an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social. Smiles all around.

We combined the Moorings Annual Meeting with the March Beach Party/Picnic. Frank Corso and his Spoonful Blues trio continued their jazz /blues music until the sun broke through to serve up an amazing sunset.

For the 2016/2017 season we want to bring you and your Moorings friends together for some good times. Here's what we need from you...your ideas! Tell us what YOU might enjoy this coming season. Help us build on last year's fun and try some new events. Just e-mail Doug Stewart (DougS@mpoa.org) your social suggestions and check our website www.mpoa.org for dates and times of upcoming events.

## Many Thanks for Your Donations

The board would like to extend our sincere thanks to the many members who provided generous donations over the past year. These donations provide additional funds that help beautify our Moorings Beach Park and our neighborhood. **Thank you!**

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## From The Hut

Welcome Moorings residents to what is sure to be another great year at The Moorings Beach Park! There have been a number of small changes and additions to the Chickee Hut & Beach Function Reservation application. It contains information that we hope clarifies and/or addresses matters that have come up over the years. The form can be picked up at the guard station or printed out at home by going online at [www.mpoa.org/chickeehutrental.html](http://www.mpoa.org/chickeehutrental.html).

Chickee Hut availability can be viewed via the online calendar, but you must stop in and talk with one of the beach attendants on duty to know for sure if the date and time you're looking for is available. Bring your completed application and check in with the beach attendant during regular park hours (10am-sunset). Following that, your reservation should be complete and in the books!

We are looking forward to a great season and as always ask that you ensure all your guests are aware of our policies and guidelines. When everyone shows the park the respect it deserves its beauty and functionality will be preserved for all. Moorings residents have a true gem in our beach park – let's enjoy it at the Hut!

## Life in the Moorings—It's a Family Affair!

For families looking to live in Naples, there is a checklist of amenities to hope for: close to the beach, close to shopping, lovely tree-lined streets, and a safe neighborhood. For families who choose to live in the Moorings the answer to all is “check, check, check...!” In fact, census figures bear this out. Zip codes represented in the Moorings skew higher for households with children relative to the City of Naples as a whole.

One such family is the Matleys. John and Tracy moved to Naples two years ago – not because they were retiring, but because they decided to raise their family here in paradise and they had the luxury of choosing where in the country they wanted to live. They chose the Moorings for many reasons. They liked the proximity to the beach, the “open neighborhood,” having other families with young children nearby, and convenience to shopping areas. They have two young children, 1-year old Bridget and 3-year old Jack who is enrolled in the Moorings Presbyterian preschool and the Preschool of the Arts, right in the area. They also enjoy frequent walks in the neighborhood along with their dog Walter (Cronkite!)

A near term goal for the family: Convince grandparents, aunts, and uncles to relocate to Naples! Not a bad idea...

The MPOA sponsors events throughout the season at the Beach Park that are family-friendly and fun for all ages. As you can see below, the Matleys and other Moorings families had a blast at last year's end of the season picnic!



## Joining the Moorings Property Owners Association

Owners of Moorings residential properties are eligible for membership in the MPOA. The most visible benefit of membership is access to the beautiful Moorings Beach Park, the “crown jewel” of The Moorings. At the park you can walk the beach, test the waters, sit on a bench and meditate, enjoy the sunset, or have a picnic with friends at our Chickee Hut.

If you wish to join, carefully read the information about membership below or on our web page: [www.mpoa.org](http://www.mpoa.org).

Only Moorings residential property owners may submit application and payments. No representatives (realtors, rental agents, developers, etc.) of residents may submit applications.

### NEW MEMBERS

Pay \$100 new member fee plus \$75 annual member dues, and if requesting a visitor pass, the \$75 visitor pass fee.

### RETURNING MEMBERS

Pay \$75 annual member dues, and if requesting a visitor pass, the \$75 visitor pass fee.

### VISITOR PASSES

If you have a 2016 Visitor Pass and are renewing it for 2017, bring it with you to the park to receive a 2017 decal. If you have a 2016 Visitor Pass and are not renewing, return it to the Beach Park office as early as possible so that we can ‘recycle’ it for other members.

Mail your application in its attached envelope. Allow at least 10 days for processing.

To pick up member decal and visitor pass, if applicable:

- Come to the Park office in your car, with its registration, between 10am and 1 hour prior to sunset. Decals will not be mailed.
- Show auto registration and your ID matching member name to the park attendant.
- For members using rental cars, bring the rental agreement in lieu of auto registration. Rental agreement name must match member name in membership records.
- The attendant will record the last three digits of the vehicle license plate directly on the window decal. Decal must be placed on the interior of the passenger side windshield. The decal is removable but not transferable.

## Construction in the Moorings

As we are all aware, there is considerable construction activity in the Moorings. Construction often brings disruption in the form of increased traffic, work vehicles parked in the street and on vacant lots, scattered litter etc. There are regulations and codes to help govern the activities of builders and their subcontractors which set standards of operation designed to minimize the impact on the neighborhood. These include containment of sediment, surface water discharge, erosion of soil, vehicle parking and loading areas, traffic control, fencing, placement of materials, safety, neatness and cleanliness. Unfortunately, not all sites are maintained properly. Fortunately, there are several mechanisms available to comment, report, or question construction activities.

Building crews are responsible for controlling surface water to prevent pooling of stagnant water and potential run-off or spread of construction-related materials. Lots are to be constantly maintained in neat and serviceable condition with no impingement on the right-of-way. City codes require a temporary, six-foot construction fence with a single color fabric to help contain the spread of debris.

There should be a construction supervisor on-site whenever workers are parking or goods are being delivered in the right-of-way to make sure there is no street blockage and no damage to adjacent properties. The supervisor is required to get permission from property owners when construction-related vehicles are parked on vacant lots. There should be no storage of materials or loading/unloading of materials or machinery on these parking areas. Construction-related traffic control and cleanliness are the responsibility of the contractor, supervisor and, ultimately, the property owner. Any person associated with the project violating these rules is in violation of the city regulations and codes.

There are several ways to report issues with construction projects in the City of Naples. First, attempt a non-confrontational conversation with the office of the contractor. If further action is necessary, place a call to the City Code Enforcement department, (239) 213-5030. In many cases the city will take note of your concern and dispatch an official to the project. Finally, in extreme cases, you may place a call to the non-emergency number of the Naples Police: (239) 213-4844. A complete listing of City of Naples construction codes is available at [www.naplesgov.com](http://www.naplesgov.com)

## Moorings Waterways and Bays Update

Our Moorings Bay is one of our most treasured and beautiful assets. The monitoring and care taken to keep our bay and Doctor's Pass in pristine condition is of the utmost importance to all Moorings residents. The following report provides an in-depth outline of current happenings concerning Moorings Bay and the Pass.

### SPEED ZONES

The local rule committee has reviewed the manatee speed zones issue. Included in their report to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) was a recommendation to make Moorings Bay a slow speed zone. Finalization of the rule will not occur until heard by FWC commission and public hearings this fall.

### DOCTOR'S PASS

The south jetty is being revamped with structures to better control erosion. New pilings were put in place. Our pass is the Moorings gateway to the Gulf of Mexico. It is of the utmost importance for all of us who have the privilege of using Doctor's Pass to take idle speed into consideration. When in the pass, please use no wake and have respect for other boaters as you enter and leave the pass.

### WATER QUALITY

Water quality continues to be good. Periodically the Naples Natural Resource Department trawls Moorings Bay to assess aquatic and marine life. The most recent trawling was done in July 2016. The results show overall favorable conditions for marine life, with many different, and some new species caught. A healthy number of small specimens of marine life is a sign of a healthy environment for aquatic life. We must all continue to be vigilant to keep our bay clean and healthy. Please take care to make sure any fertilization used on your yard is the type that will not harm our bay from the natural runoff that occurs.

As residents of The Moorings, we are blessed with precious bays, passage to the Gulf, and a beautiful beach park. Let's all be sure to take care of our spectacular environment.