



The Moorings

MOORINGS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Naples' season is in full force and we are grateful for all of our returning members who have renewed their commitment to the MPOA for 2012. And, we are delighted a large number of former members have decided to return and enjoy the beauty and benefits of our wonderful Park. Though we are technically in the "dry" season, many members have said the Park has never looked better. Of course, our new bathroom has added a huge measure of comfort. It is hard to believe we spent the first 50 years in the Park without proper facilities!

On March 6th we plan to again do a bus tour/drive through The Moorings with the City Manager, Bill Moss, and his department heads. We'll be on a city-owned bus and will have room for a few residents. So if you are interested drop us an email at admin@MPOA.org and most probably, you can join the tour. More importantly, if you have any problems or issues which are City related, please send a message to the same address describing the problem. Include your name and street address so we can drive by and have the City folks personally inspect. Last year we checked on about 30+ complaints/issues and each one was addressed by City personnel very promptly. (Examples are problems with city trees and landscaping, storm sewer back-ups, street lighting, cracked curbs and pot holes, code violations, etc.)

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 31. (See box.) MPOA past president Linda Penniman is again organizing this fun event. Last year we had over 500 attendees. If you live close by, please walk to the Park as parking, while sufficient, is tight. During the annual meeting we will be electing two new members to the Board of Governors, as long-time members Sue Weidlich and Linda Penniman are leaving. We all owe them a fantastic "Thank you!" for their super service.

On a final note, don't forget the 2012 parking stickers and visitors passes are now required for parking at the Beach Park. So please make sure you are in compliance. See you at the Park and at our annual meeting.

Al Katz

Moorings Waterways

In our last issue I addressed the monitoring of Venetian Bay wherein the City of Naples in conjunction with Save The Bays group have a grant to continue the monitoring for the next year. The information on the fish and aquatic life will be very helpful in keeping the bays healthy. Doctor's Pass is in good shape and continues to be monitored for changes in shoals.

In this issue I would like to address the status of the lakes in the Moorings and the issue of runoff into Venetian and Hurricane Bays and related topics. The City of Naples Storm Water Department is currently conducting a major study of the health of the city lakes.

The 28 major lakes in Naples were artificially created to hold storm water and help prevent flooding. They are part of the City's storm water system and are connected to the Gulf by storm water pipes. While lake maintenance is extremely expensive and funding very tight, the City will fund some improvements if all of the residents with shoreline property agree not to use chemicals: i.e. not to put copper sulfate or other poisons in the water.

The City will provide "floating islands" to beautify a lake and improve the water quality. Plants on the floating islands take up excess nutrients that would otherwise feed algae. Aerators are added to move the water, to supply oxygen and lower the temperature, decreasing conditions that are favorable for algae blooms.

Aerators and floating islands have successfully eliminated the algae problem in North Lake located along 7th Ave North.

For more information you may contact the City's Natural resources Division at 239 213-7119. The information above can be found at Naples City Hall in the brochure entitled Is Your Lake Overgrown with Algae?

Bob Reynen



Before City of Naples Treatment



After City of Naples Treatment... speaks for itself

MPOA Annual Meeting Picnic and Bluegrass Concert

Featuring
The Bugtussle Ramblers

Sunday, March 31, 2012
4:00 p.m. until sunset

\$10 per head at the door
Catered by Russell's Clambakes
Guests welcome!

For reservations
email MPOABethSmith@aol.com
(or get a reservation form from beach guard)
with number in party by March 27
Please carpool or walk as
parking is very tight!

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Don't hesitate to call our community police officer—Officer Bill Gonsalves at 213-4869. He is ready to take your calls and respond if you have any concerns.

THE CHICKEE HUT

Using the Chickee Hut to host small and large gatherings is one of the priceless benefits being enjoyed by a growing number of MPOA members. We already have twelve reservations for 2012 with Saturday being the most popular party day. If you have never hosted a picnic at the Chickee, give it a try. Your friends who don't live near the beach will surely be excited about being there. Simply check with the attendants at The Par who keep the reservation calendar and forms. There is a modest fee and reservations are taken on a "first come" basis, so plan early.

Ned Kendall

BEACH PARK

NEW BATHROOM!!!!

WOW – We have received so many nice compliments on the new, much needed bathroom facility from our returning seasonal residents. It allows more personal comfort for those who wish to spend the day at the beach. The giant rush to pick up the 2012 stickers and passes is finally subsiding and we thank you for your patience and are grateful to our wonderful guards for their hard work in making it happen again this year. Remember, your visitor pass is intended for multiple-year use, so be careful not to lose it! Next year we will issue a new "2013" sticker to place on the visitor pass rather than issuing a new one.

Our showers continue to have a little problem in terms of water usage and we are looking into repairs or replacement at this time. We should soon have answers and they will function properly again.

Linda Black

