



The Moorings

MOORINGS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

BLUEGRASS IS BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Mark your calendars for March 23 when we will hold our annual meeting at the park, and feature Bluegrass music. The details for this event will be on signs at the park and be sent out in a separate email, so stay tuned!

Remember there will be an Ice Cream Social featuring the Marco Island Strummers on February 16!

This year we are trying to hold social events at the park that will bring our members together. If you have any suggestions for other possible events, please contact Doug Stewart and we will try to make them happen.

The Moorings will certainly be well represented in the Naples city government going forward as two of our former board members will be on City Council. Linda Penniman, former president of the MPOA, and Doug Finlay, board member since 2005, will serve on Council for the next three years. Congratulations to both.

Old news – the beach renourishment went off without a hitch and the beach is big and beautiful. For those of you who were not here for the Great Sand Haul, please take a look at some fabulous photos posted inside the bulletin board at the park. The photos are courtesy Sunny Combs, one of our members. A great big thank you to Sunny!!

In an attempt to make this year's car sticker/guest pass updating easier and more convenient, we have hired extra guards on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. We thank all of you for making this year less stressful for all by renewing your memberships earlier than ever.

Please be sure to read Rog Albers article in this newsletter about the proper use of guest passes.

The sidewalk project is scheduled to begin on January 21 so by the time you receive this newsletter it may already be in progress.

See you at the Beach Park!

Linda Black

CHICKEE HUT

It is becoming more and more popular to have weddings at the Beach Park. Being able to host a wedding on the beach for a daughter or granddaughter is one of the many benefits of MPOA membership. Generally the wedding itself is held on the beach with the reception being held at a local club or hotel. The Chickee can be a staging area for refreshments or catered meals as well. In order to assure availability, it is wise to reserve the Hut six months to a year in advance. There is parking space for about 33 cars on the grass east of the Chickee Hut, so with careful car-pooling you can hold a wedding with about 100 guests. It is necessary to make bulk transportation arrangements for large weddings during "High Season" (January to March) when the overflow parking area is being used for member parking. Molly The Trolley or the Naples Trolley can be hired to shuttle guests to and from the reception from a hotel or a mall parking lot. If you're thinking of holding a wedding this summer on our beautiful beach, now would be a good time to book!

Ned Kendall

EXCLUSIVE INVITATION TO MPOA MEMBERS

Our neighbor, the beautiful Moorings Country Club, has invited members of Moorings Property Owners Association to experience of golf and/or dining at the Club.

MPOA members will be registered at the Club and are eligible to use the Moorings Country Club once between now and the end of April. You may have up to six guests for lunch, dinner or Sunday brunch and you may put your own foursome together. (Normal golf guest fees will apply.) Club privileges are extended only to our paid members and are non-transferable.

This offer is made to us, their Moorings neighbors, so we may experience what it might be like to be a member in this delightful private golf club right here in The Moorings. To reserve your tee time or dining reservation call 261-0909.

MEMBERSHIP

As we all know the Beach Park is the crown jewel of The Moorings and recent improvements have made membership more popular than ever!

If you have already mailed in your application with payment, drive your car to the park any day from 10 a.m. until sunset and the guard will affix the sticker to your bumper. Be sure to have your auto registration with you. If you have multiple cars each one must be brought separately.

If you haven't paid yet for 2014, go to MPOA.org, click on the *Membership* tab and download a membership application off the website. Follow the instructions to mail in your dues and your parking sticker will be ready to pick up at the park 10-14 days later.

Membership benefits include:

- Exclusive beach park parking privileges with easy and convenient access to the beach
- Access to MPOA beach park events and meetings
- Ability to sponsor and host parties and events with the exclusive use of our Chickee Hut
- News and updates on topics affecting our neighborhood and the City of Naples
- One-time visit to Moorings Country Club for golf and/or dining

GUEST/VISITORS PASS USAGE REMINDER

We would like to remind all members that The Moorings Beach Park was deeded to the residents of The Moorings by the developer Milton Link in the early 60s. His intent was to have the park to be used exclusively by Moorings residents.

The Moorings Property Owners Association was formed to nurture that piece of paradise. From a four-acre scrubby piece of land at 2101 Gulf Shore Blvd in 1960, it has been transformed into what most members believe is the most beautiful beach park in Florida.

Over the years many residents asked that their guests be able to use the park, therefore guest passes were created and issued. Please keep in mind that they are to be used for visiting family/friends and household guests- not to be given to local friends and neighbors for their use.

Visitor passes are a privilege of membership- not a right. We would hate to have to resort to checking the credentials of every guest entering the park. It would be unwieldy and costly and would be a tremendous inconvenience for those guests using the passes correctly.

Please be considerate of your fellow Moorings residents and only give the visitors pass to those who are your short-term visitors.

Rog Albers and Trish Erickson

DONATION UPDATE

We would like to thank the following members for their recent donations in support of the Beach Park. Every effort has been made to correctly capture and recognize each donation and we regret any misspellings or omissions.

New Gold Level Members (Donations of \$1,000 or more)

Anonymous (2)	Miletti, Timothy
Adduci, David & Traci	Miller, Brian & Heidi
Albers, Roger & Carol	Moriarty, Peter & Maris
Ehinger, Ronald	Partridge, Jack & Anne
Erickson, Jeff & Trish	Poehlmann, Helmut
Esmond, Brendy	Rasin, Rudolph & Joy
Fisher, John W III	Rogers, Paul
Holland, Clifford & Jacqueline	Silloway, Richard & Janet
Johnson, Brenda & Brewer, Wayne	Stonis, Carol
Johnson, Thomas & Plesea, Dennis	Tierney, John & Constance
Kelley, Kimberly	Wallace, Edward & Mary Ann
McLachlan, Hina	Wright, William & Anita
McLean, Timothy	Yelland, Sally

Additional Donations Made by Existing Gold Members

Carisch, George & Sharon	Gerald, Virginia
Combs, William & Carolyn	Sheaf, Steve
Connors, Shawn	Strassner, Kenneth & Margaret

Donations of Varying Amounts (Listed by Family Name)

554 Riviera LLC	Geis	Morrissey
A S Overseas Corp	Gerth	Mueller
Alderman	Girard	Murphy
Austin	Guaitoli	Myers
Babcock	Gutowska	Oswald
Bartlett	Haffner	Page
Bolus	Halstead	Peacock
Boniface	Hampton	Pepe
Brennan	Harris	Peters
Brown	Hattery	Pfister
Cascione	Haughie	Poblocki
Challapalli	Hayes	Prutting
Childs	Hearns	Raineri
Chivetta	Henderson	Reid
Collins	Heren	Rinehart
Conron	Higgins	Sada
Cordaro	Holtz	Saporito
Dan	Jacklow	Scott
Darby	Johnson	Shaheen
Davis	Jones	Simek
De Luca	Judkins	Simpson
Decoursey	Kennedy	Smith
Dellonte	Klym	Starling
Demarco	Kneafsey	Stephenson
Demenyi	Legro	Stipp
Donahue	Leher	Taft
Dvorak	Leonard	Tibstra
Earl	Loucks	Tomes
Edwards	Magin	Tycast
Farquhar	Malacina	Utter
Febbo	Maroon	Warning
Felzer	Martuscelli	Weg
Ferenczi	Mastrocola	Whittaker
Ferry	Matthews	Wikert
Fidler	McGonnigle	Williams
Folland	Mcgee	Woodward
Fox	Mcgrath	Yelmokas
Freeman	Mcwhorter	Young
Freniere	Meffah	
Gable	Melone	



ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND PARTY!
 Sunday February 16, 2014 3:30 PM until Sunset
 Moorings Beach Park with the Marco Island Strummers

We are going to be treated to the melodies we all remember. On a Sunday afternoon The Marco Island Strummers are coming to our Beach Park and playing songs you heard on the car radio. This will be a great time to sit back, relax and enjoy! The Strummers will play from 4 PM Music will be followed by an Ice-Cream Social and Sunset. Just bring some Brownies to share and your favorite beverage and beach chairs and enjoy the music while seeing old friends and making some new. The Strummers will pass among us for a free-will offering to support a very deserving charity. We will be sharing treats in an old-fashioned Ice-Cream Social as the sun gets ready to set at 6:25 PM. For more information visit www.mpoa.org

As we all know from television commentary and newspaper articles, THEFT is prevalent in Naples. Officer Bill Gonzalves advises us to be vigilant about our homes, cars and boats. His advice: If you leave it--LOCK IT. If you have an alarm system--USE IT! And call the police to report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood. 213-4868

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

This will be my last article for the MPOA Newsletter as I will soon be completing 9 years (three terms) service on the MPOA Board. Hopefully you have found the columns informative about our City government. For my last article I wanted to offer a few statistics. These statistics (and many more) can be found the City's latest Budget Book, which can be accessed on-line, at the City of Naples website (Naplesgov.com) or by going to the Clerk's office, at City Hall.

Also, I want to leave you with one very interesting comment I feel you should know about. Not surprisingly, the City of Naples is a very safe city. We have low rates of crime in almost all categories, even burglaries. However, in one area of crime we exceed the Florida and the National rate--theft. Be it shoplifting at a store, taking bicycles from an open garage, removing a power cord from a boat, or grabbing a cell phone from an unlocked car, theft is a problem in Naples. All of the other good things about our city likely contribute to a letting down of the guard on theft and the Police can only do so much. A fair amount of theft protection is in our own hands. Keep this in mind as we enter the new year.

The below statistics are "actual" numbers for 2012:

POLICE:	
Total Incidents Handled	66,622
Traffic Citations Issued	8,168
Marine Citations Issued	223
Arrests Made	792
Parking Tickets Issued	17,984
Percentage 911 Calls Answered in 10 Seconds	97.81%
Average Priority Response Time	4.68 minutes
FIRE:	
Total Calls	4,839
Total Medical Calls	3,299
Total Fire Calls	96
Percentage of Fire Calls to Total Calls	2%
HUMAN RESOURCES:	
Total Full-Time Employees	451
Number of Applications	5,100
Percentage Employee Turnover	8%
WATER UTILITY:	
Number of Water Customers	18,600*
Number of City Wells	54
Annual Volume	5.4 billion gal.
Percentage Unaccounted for	4.34%

*The water utility extends beyond the city limits.
 Doug Finlay

WATERWAYS

Last year there were many challenges to our waterways and bays. Thankfully we start 2014 with these challenges successfully met and our gulf waters in excellent condition.

The beaches have been renourished--the project being completed well ahead of schedule. Doctors Pass has been dredged--allowing for safe navigation and better boating. Sand from Doctors Pass was deposited on Moorings beach. Water quality is improving with the increased ebb and flow of the tides in and out of Moorings and Venetian Bays.

Each of these projects took an enormous amount of time and effort. City Council and the Collier County Board of Commissioners and various organizations working with citizen representatives came through, despite many concerns over the funding and management of the projects. A big "Thank You" from Moorings residents to all who helped to complete this work.

A few things to be aware of:

Doctors Pass is fully dredged to a depth of 8-10' in the middle of pass--depending on tide. When entering Doctor's Pass from the Gulf come straight in. Markers 1 and 2 are not yet in place. The city will be putting them back shortly.

Use caution when turning south (Starboard) from Doctors Pass before the Mooring Line bridge as there is a shallow area between the white danger buoy and the sailboats. Depth can be 4' or less at low tide.

When making a Port turn (left) take caution at low/medium tide by Marker #4. Stay close to boats in their mooring.

Seawalls Inspection
 Suggestion to residents on the water: Please inspect your seawalls for any movement or settling. Many of our seawalls date back to the late 60s and early 70s. Rip rap can be installed to help retain the walls. Mangroves may be planted where there is rip rap but no seawall. Mangroves are good for marine life.

Water Quality:
 Water quality is monitored by the City. Overall the Moorings Bay water quality is good. Marine life is healthy. Doctors Pass dredging has assisted in increasing water movement helping the bay flush naturally maintaininig an improved environment for marine life and fish.

Organizations such as Save the Bays, MPOA , and the Moorings Bay Citizen's Advisory Committee are working to enhance and maintain our bays and waterways. If you have questions or comments about our waterways feel free to contact any me or any of the above.

Bob Reynen

Saturday February 8, 2014 beginning at 5:30 PM\
 MPOA Dinner at Moorings Country Club

We're honoring our very own Elmer

Elmer greets us by name and calls us "friend". We in The Moorings are so lucky to have Elmer, Keith and Pete at our Beach Park. Our 2014 MPOA dinner will honor Elmer and his long time service! Bring your best Elmer stories and a smile. The cost is \$65 per person for this excellent dinner, wine or beer, taxes and gratuities included. Reservation are limited and may be made by completing the form below. Bar service will be available.

For more info contact Doug Stewart at dougs@mpoa.org
Seating is limited - reservation Deadline is February 1st

MPOA Member Name _____

Moorings Address _____

Naples FL Zip code _____ Indicate if a gluten free meal is needed _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Total number attending _____ @\$65 per person = \$ _____

Would you care to include a Beach Park beautification donation? \$ _____

Complete and Mail with your check to MPOA P.O. Box 8961 Naples FL 34101