



The Moorings

# MOORINGS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

To those of you who were away for the summer – Welcome back! It was a very different summer for those of us who remained here. We had an abundance of rainfall and now we are expecting an abundance of “sand” fall! Doug Finlay will update you on the sand truck haul. The dredging of Doctors Pass has now been completed. With the exception of the most southern route, the original truck route plan used only two streets, Harbour and Mooring Line--both in the Moorings. We now have other streets in the mix. Doug worked hard this summer to convince the Council to vote to share the load of this massive truck haul, and he was successful. I want to thank all of you who wrote letters and sent emails to the Mayor and City Council on this issue. Our tenacity worked. Participation by our residents is always a key ingredient to making changes.

Work on the new connective sidewalk on Gulf Shore Blvd., extending from the beach park north to the Mooring Line Bridge, is slated to begin in January. We thought by now this project would have been finished but FDOT experienced some snags along the way and January is the new start date.

Some residents have expressed concern about the lack of visibility at the median on Mooring Line Drive where it abuts US 41. Drivers, especially those unfamiliar with the turn onto and out of Mooring Line Drive, are often confused and the massive tree growth impedes the view. There is a little building inside the median that contains a lift station. We are currently working with the City to remedy the problem. I will keep you updated as this project moves along.

We have some exciting new events planned this year thanks to Doug Stewart. (See Strummers, Moorings Country Club and Season Opening Dinner.)

Rog and Trish have been working very hard on membership issues this summer – check out their articles as well.

Finally, when I was first introduced to the MPOA we had a “Beautification Award” that was presented at the annual meeting. The award was to recognize a Moorings’ resident for his/her outstanding work in either remodeling a house, creating outstanding landscaping, or constructing a particularly attractive new home. Any of these efforts enhance our neighborhood and we think the MPOA should demonstrate its gratitude by publicly recognizing their achievement by reinstating this award. If you know of someone you would like to nominate for such an award, let one of the board members know and we will enter them for the competition.

Please let us hear from you with any compliments, concerns or complaints so that we can continue to make the MPOA serve the needs of the community. We welcome anyone who wishes to attend an MPOA meeting to join us on the second Tuesday of each month (except in March when the annual meeting is held elsewhere). Meetings are held at Moorings Presbyterian Church on Harbour Drive in the Strozier Library on the ground floor at 3 p.m.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Linda Black

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Regrettably, living in parts of the Moorings is going to be a bit short of paradise for a while. As many of you already know, the reclaimed water main construction will soon work its way from Park Shore into the Moorings. The construction will be on the west side of Gulf Shore Boulevard, between Horizon Way and Harbour Drive. Recent heavy rains have the project running at least three weeks behind schedule and completion may not come until early January. It is important to note that as the work zone gradually moves south (in 200-foot sections), condominium buildings that were not previously directly impacted will be, especially when it comes to vehicles entering and exiting a property. Those buildings with two entrances/exits will have one of them blocked as the water main is installed. Buildings with one entrance/exit will have half of the area blocked as the water main is installed. Only buildings on the west side of the street will be affected.

All of this pain will fortunately lead to a big, long-term financial gain as reclaimed water rates are substantially lower than potable water rates. However, there will be some costs to hookup and those costs will vary between buildings. Buildings already equipped with two meters, one for irrigation and the other for the house, are already ahead of the game. If your building is along the reclaimed construction route (no matter which side of the street) and has not yet contacted the City’s Utility Department about hooking up, you should do so now. The person to contact is Bob Middleton, 213-4714. In this project phase, hookup will be available by next year to all properties where the new water main is being installed. The next phase, if approved by Council, will include properties along Gulf Shore Boulevard south of Harbour Drive, in addition to properties along Harbour Drive, and likely Crayton Road between Harbour and Mooring Line. The very controversial, beach sand truck haul, also after weeks of delay, is well underway. The parking lot at Horizon Way as well as Lowdermilk Park and the 3rd Avenue North beach end are being used for the unloading of 232,000 tons of sand. Expect the activity to last into December, if not longer, depending on unforeseen delays. This is a 6-day a week, dawn to dusk operation. Only Sundays, holidays and nights will be quiet. Other than the intense street truck traffic, our beach park will be unaffected and public access points at Via Miramax and Vedado will stay open. However, expect heavy equipment on some areas of the beach as sand is being spread out. Any issues related to careless operation of the dump trucks or damage to city or private property should be reported to the City Police, non-emergency number, 213-4844.

A longer-term issue is inadequate funding of our beaches. If steps aren’t taken by Collier County to allocate additional Tourist Tax revenue to beach nourishment, we could be stuck with large truck hauls vs. hydraulic nourishment into the future. Finally Doctors Pass has at long last been dredged. The process took less time than had been originally thought. Sand from the pass was deposited on the beach, south of the jetties, which is an area that included our beach park.

Turning briefly to the City budget. For the fifth straight year, Council approved the same 1.18 General Fund mill levy. Although taxable values are increasing, overall taxable values are still below the peak year of 2007. Of Florida’s more than 400 municipalities, the Naples’ mill levy is in the lowest 3-4%. However, when looking at only full-service cities, Naples may well have the lowest mill levy of all. The reasons are several: high taxable values, good density, a concise area, a large number of non-homesteaded residential properties, considerable non-ad valorem revenue into the General Fund, and hopefully good management and financial oversight as well as involved citizens.

*Doug Finlay, Chair*

## MOORINGS FARMER’S MARKET DEBUTS

Moorings residents will be pleased to learn that they can now ‘shop local’ in a whole new way. Green Market Florida has recently opened a new farmer’s market location in the parking lot at Clive Daniel Home at the corner of Harbour Drive and US 41. The market will be held every Thursday from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Shoppers will find a fresh collection of organic fruits and vegetables, as well as seafood, breads, bagels and other baked goods, international foods, and plants. Also present are a variety of handmade artisan crafts including jewelry and soaps.

The market will run from now through late May.

## INVITATION TO MPOA MEMBERS

An exciting new benefit of membership in the Moorings Property Owners Association!

Our neighbor--the Moorings Country Club-- is extending an invitation to MPOA members to enjoy a round of golf and/or dining at their beautiful Club.

Current MPOA paid members will be registered at the Club and can call and make a reservation to play and/or dine one time during the 2013/2014 season. Normal guest fees will apply for you and up to 3 guests. All members and guests will be asked to sign in upon arrival. This offer is made to us so we may experience what membership might be like in this wonderful private golf club right here in The Moorings.

This is a one-time invitation for use between November 1, 2013 and April 30, 2014. Club privileges are extended to our MPOA paid members only and are non-transferable. Tee-Time Reservations must be made with the Pro Shop. Call 239.261.0909. Reservations for lunch or dinner are advised. Call 239.261.0909. Green and Cart fees and/or Dining Room charges will be paid directly to the Club.

**REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY to our community police Officer Bill Gonsalves at 213-4868.**



**Moorings Property Owners Association Season Opener  
 Dinner at the Club**

In Honor of Elmer !!! Saturday February 8, 2014 5:30 pm  
 MPOA Dinner at Moorings Country Club

We are coming together to honor our dear friend--the Moorings Beach Park's very own Elmer Tincher. We will share a delicious dinner in an elegant setting with friends and neighbors and swap "Elmer stories"! The cost is \$65 per person for this gourmet dinner which includes wine or beer, all taxes and gratuities; (bar service will be available.) Reservations are limited and must be made by check made out to MPOA and sent in by January 25 to:

MPOA  
 P.O Box 8961  
 Naples, FL 34101

Questions should be directed to dougs@mpoa.org. For more information visit www.mpoa.org

**MEMBERSHIP**

We are pleased to inform Moorings residents that the membership dues and guest pass fees have held steady at \$55 each for the current year.

We are also delighted MPOA membership has grown in 2013 and look forward to our ranks increasing in 2014 so more residents can enjoy our lovely park beach park.

**Introducing The GOLD Membership beach sticker!**

Gold Memberships have been available for many years to residents donating \$1,000 or more to the MPOA. Once you become a GOLD member, paying the annual dues is no longer necessary. Now for the first time GOLD members will receive GOLD- colored beach stickers for their car.

If you would like to make a donation of \$1,000 or more, please just indicate this on the dues envelope. Your donation will be used to ensure the ongoing maintenance and beautification of the Moorings' crown jewel--The Moorings Beach Park.

**Clarification of Policy for Annual and Short Term Renters**

In order to minimize confusion and frustration, it is important that property owners who rent understand responsibilities for dues payments and beach sticker/guest pass pick-up:

Property Owners with Annual Renters:

- Property owner must make annual dues payment to the MPOA
- Annual renters names must be indicated on dues envelope
- Named annual renter will be permitted to pick up parking sticker at the Beach Park

Property Owners with Short-Term Renters:

- Property owner must pay annual dues to the MPOA
- Property owner must **also** purchase a guest pass for use by the renter(s).
- If property owner cannot pick up guest pass, he/she may designate a representative to do so (put the person's name on dues envelope).
- Only one guest pass per address is allowed, so it's important that short-term renters leave the guest pass on the property.

In this mailing you will find the current dues envelope. Additional envelopes may be obtained from the attendants at the Beach Park.

**Contact Info:**

If you need to reach the membership committee, just e-mail us at [membership@mpoa.org](mailto:membership@mpoa.org)

Roger Albers and Trish Erickson

**MORE ON MEMBERSHIP**

**New Gold Members**

Since the last newsletter we have had 4 more families join the ranks of our esteemed Gold Member team, bringing the number of these memberships up to 131. Our thanks to the following;

Douglas & Colleen DiGiorno  
 Lisa & Merle Gilmore  
 Dottiet Gerrity  
 Josephine Bieling

(In the last newsletter I acknowledged a new gold member as being Virginia Gerald but inadvertently left her spouse's name 'Neil' off the list. The Gold Membership now reads 'Virginia and Neil Gerald'. Sorry for the oversight.)

**Donations**

We had a very generous \$1000 donation by the Sarovich Foundation in memory of Laura Maran. Additionally we had donations from the following families: Lewis, Harris, Maroon, and Bremmer.

To Gold Members and all our donors, we can't thank you enough for your generosity. Your support has been crucial to the financial stability of the MPOA.

**Reminder for those with Annual Dues Waiver**

**Gold Members.** This is a reminder that gold members do not have to pay the annual dues. If you desire a guest pass just use the enclosed dues envelope, cross off the annual dues portion, and only pay the guest pass fee of \$55.

**Bulk Condo members** are those whose condominiums have elected to pay the membership fee for all residents in their buildings. If your condominium association has already paid for you, do not pay the annual dues. If you desire a guest pass, cross out the dues portion and just pay the \$55 guest fee. Once again all donations are gratefully accepted.

**Reminder to bring back last year's guest pass.**

Our guest passes were made to be re-used. If you had a guest pass for the 2012-13 season and purchase another one for 2013-14, please bring the old one to the park attendant and he will validate it for the coming season.

**Questions on membership, bumper stickers, guest passes , etc.**

Each year we receive numerous inquiries on many membership issues. Many of these seem to be generated due to the checks not being sent in early enough to allow for our processing . It can take as long as 2 weeks from the time you mail your check to the post office box for the information to get to our park attendants. If the attendants don't have a record of your payment they can't issue the sticker/pass. So to help make the process easy for you and the MPOA-- **PLEASE** send your checks in **NOW** or at least two weeks before you need your stickers.

We would also appreciate your emailing any questions you may have. This enables us to research your question in a timely fashion and send you a quick reply. Make sure you include your name, Moorings address, and phone number. The emails can be directed to Roger Albers – [Ralbers7@comcast.net](mailto:Ralbers7@comcast.net) or Trish Erickson-[membership@mpoa.org](mailto:membership@mpoa.org) .

Rog Albers

**Ice Cream and the Marco Island Strummers!**

Sunday February 16, 2014  
 3:30 pm until Sunset  
 Strummers will begin to play at 4 pm

Yea! We are going to be treated to the music we heard as children on the car radio! On a Sunday afternoon the Marco Island Strummers will come to our beautiful Moorings Beach Park to play while we sit back, relax, enjoy and eat ice cream and cookies!

Bring your beach chairs and favorite beverage and get ready to see old friends or make some new ones and enjoy the music. We will be sharing treats in an old fashioned Ice Cream Social as the sun sets at 6:21 pm. You bring brownies or cookies to share and we'll bring the ice cream!! A free-will offering to help support a very deserving charity will be taken. For more information visit [www.mpoa.org](http://www.mpoa.org)

**MPOA SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

The semi-annual meeting of the MPOA will be held on December 10 at 3 pm at the Chickee Hut. The purpose of this meeting is to announce the nominating committee for new members to the board of governors. All MPOA members are invited to attend this meeting and submit names of possible candidates for the board. Please let us know if you or someone you know would be interested in serving in some capacity.

Currently we are looking in particular for someone with good computer skills and people skills to help with membership.