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DRIVE AROUND WITH THE CITY MANAGER

Members of the Board of Governors and a few guests had the privilege of doing a drive-around The Moorings with 9 members of our City government. City Manager Bill Moss, Director of Streets and Stormwater Ron Wallace, Battalion Chief Pete Dimaria, Code and Harbor Manager Roger Jacobsen, Utilities Director Bob Middleton, Police Chief Tom Weschler, Parks/ Parkways and Facilities Maintenance Superintendent Joe Boscaglia, Community Police Officer Bill Gonsalves, and Director of Planning Robin Singer participated so they could see first hand issues of residents.



Pictured L to R: Robin Singer, Bill Gonsalves, Joe Boscaglia, Tom Weschler, Bob Middleton, Roger Jacobsen, Pete Dimaria, Ron Wallace & Bill Moss

In response to an email blast, the Board had input from MPOA members of problems and concerns. As we drove around (traversing almost every street) the mini-bus paused and Al Katz pointed out the item to be addressed at each stop.

As a result the pothole on Alamanda will be corrected, some areas on Wedge where stormwater collects will be investigated, reflective pavement markings will be added in several areas (among them the intersection of Wedge and Harbour and the often ignored stop sign and Crayton and Spring Line). Speed limit trailers will be placed in selected locations where speeding has been a concern, and some additional speed limit signs will be posted. The City has requested input regarding possible installation of additional street lights in selected areas, to strike a balance between safety and the preference for darkness in our neighborhood.

Joe Boscaglia explained careful consideration is being given to replacing the signature trees lining each street when dead trees on city property have been removed. Some trees are highly prone to disease and others require greater maintenance, so careful thought must be given when replacement trees are planted.

Ron Wallace informed us FDOT has designated the intersection of 41 and Harbour as unsafe and the plan is for it to be reconfigured later this year.

Tom Weschler is scheduling a meeting with various bicycle groups known to power through The Moorings. In an attempt to gain compliance with the existing regulations he will review with them how many can ride abreast and the necessity to stop at stop signs, etc.

The city employees were extremely gracious and encouraged all of us to approach them with whatever issues are troublesome. They seemed eager to do everything possible to make sure the quality of life in Naples is as good as it can be for all residents.

THE MOORINGS TO CELEBRATE ITS 50TH BIRTHDAY!

Let's all put on our most casual party clothes and celebrate at the 50th birthday party of the founding of The Moorings on

Sunday, March 20th, From 3:00 until Sunset

The Park will be the setting for our big birthday bash featuring Moorings Punch (and other libations!), hamburgers, hotdogs, birthday cake and a toe-stomping, finger-snapping bluegrass band!

Bring your chairs, bring the kids, bring your neighbors, bring your best friends and come and enjoy cocktails, dinner and fun, fun music until the sun sets on our beautiful shores!

It will be THE place to be on the 20th of March.
(See insert or reservation form in this flyer)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear neighbor and MPOA member:

In writing this on January 27 so as to be prepared and mailed, there will obviously be events that have occurred after you have received this newsletter. Hopefully the major event will be the start of construction of our new restroom facility. I want to thank everyone who has encouraged and thanked the Board for pursuing this project. With one more permit to go, we're hoping for a late February start date and approximate completion time of around 90 days. Our construction manager and general contractor, PBS Construction Co. of Naples, is on top of this job and we expect the actual construction to have a minimal impact at the Park during the period of work.

On January 24 we had a bus tour of The Moorings with City Manager Bill Moss and 9 members of various city departments. We traveled most of the streets, stopping along the way at various locations residents had asked us to look at. After the tour Mr. Moss took all of the emails we received and by the end of the next day, almost every resident received a personal response from a city department head. We were overwhelmed by this response and want to thank all of the City folks who were involved. We hope to do this again in the future.

Please try to attend our annual meeting on Sunday, March 20 which will be held at The Park. We will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of The Moorings with a picnic, cocktails, the annual meeting and a special repeat bluegrass concert by *Highway 41 South*, again sponsored by our neighbor Encore National Bank. The meeting will be around 3 pm, followed by the picnic and music.

Lastly, a genuine "Thank You" to our very committed Board of Governors and the many other neighborhood volunteers who help the guards at the Park and the rest of us all during the year. With our Beach Park and its facilities, I think we are indeed fortunate to live in The Moorings.

Don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions, comments and concerns.

Al Katz, President

BEACH PARK

Finally the weather is starting to warm up - great news for all of the park lovers and beach walkers! We re so excited about the new restroom and can't wait for it to be in place. What a wonderful way to remember our 50th year by building a permanent facility. You will note on the rendering—and keep in mind it's just a rendering—that a bench appears near the front of the bathroom. Wouldn't it be nice to actually have a bench there when the construction is finished? Please let me know if anyone is interested in sponsoring a bench.

Linda Black – Beach Park Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBER NEEDED

The Moorings Bay Citizen Advisory Committee is a board that advises Naples City Council on matters affecting the Moorings Bay system (which extends from Seagate to Coquina Sands). It generally meets once a month in the Council Chambers. The Committee is now looking for a citizen who is interested in what is happening on the Bay to fill a spot on this Board. He/she must live on the Bay but does not need to be boater. For an application to fill this position please contact City Clerk's office; questions? Contact Al Katz.

DONATIONS

Friends of the Moorings Beach Park Sponsorships...

Have you been thinking about making a donation to the Moorings Beach Park in your name of in the memory of a loved one? Here are some guidelines:

- **Gold level** - Any donation of \$1,000 or more
Gold donations are recognized with a mention in the MPOA newsletter, a plaque on the 'Friends of the Moorings Beach Park' donation board located by the flag pole at the beach park, and **an honorary lifetime membership.**
- **Silver level** - Donations of \$500-\$999
Silver donations are recognized with a mention in the MPOA newsletter and a plaque on the 'Friends of the Moorings Beach Park' donation board located by the flag pole at the beach park.

Any other level of donation, whether monetary or with time and effort, is always greatly appreciated and will be recognized in the MPOA newsletter.

Please make all donations by check to:

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PO Box 8961
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MEMBERSHIP

We would like to thank the following families for their recent donations in support of our wonderful 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)

Kathleen Abraham	Jean-Francois & Kim Martin
Gregory Baird	Carson & Laurinda McEachern
Michael Bondarenko	Brian & Ewa McLean
Thomas & Dorothy Corson	Mark & Shannon Pellecchia
Sarah Dunkley	Thomas & Beverly Siefferman
Richard & Taber Hook	Gene Sokol & Lucie Charest
Laird & Laurie Lile	Thomas & Susan Weidlich

Existing Gold Members- Additional Donations

Mary Atwell	John & Judith McNamara
Don & Carolyn Chidester	Thomas & Suzanne Samios
Karen & Hank de Fiebre	William & Mary Louise Sheaf
Donna & Vince Funk	Harry & Marilyn Tempest
Rhea Lynch	Frank & Inge Wintersberger

Donations of varying amounts (listed alphabetically by Family Name)	Buffington	Ehinger	Garvey
Arena	Cammett	Etheridge	Haffner
Barry	Cascione	Felzer	Harris
Basquin	Childs	Ferenczi	Hayes
Bless	Cordaro	Ferrara	Henderson
Bolus	Cuccia	Fidler	Hurley
Broomhead	DAGostino	Fisher	Jacklow
Brown	DeLuca	Fogel	Kaiser
	Decoursey	Foley	Katz
	Doharty	Fox	Kennedy
	Driver	Freeman	Klimaitis
	Edwards	Freniere	Leher

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

A Road Diet!

In January the City proposed a preliminary study that will take a look at bypassing through traffic on Highway 41 over to Goodlette-Frank Road. This is an idea that has been around for decades, but it has never been seriously pursued, probably because there are many far-reaching implications. The study's cost will be shared by the city's general fund and the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency). The concept is to encourage the routing of non-local traffic to Goodlette via Golden Gate Parkway on the north end and the intersection of Goodlette and 41 at the south end. This would offer the opportunity, perhaps between Central Avenue and Goodlette, to reduce S R 41 to four traffic lanes from six... a road diet. Proponents of a road diet say it would afford better east/west connectivity, enhance 41/10 redevelopment, create on-street parking, add more landscaping and deliver a better "livable city" ambiance. However, there are many issues that must be considered, the most important being cost. Costs include not just infrastructure improvements, but maintenance of the roadway, curbing, sidewalks, lighting, signals, and storm sewers. Currently, Route 41 is primarily state maintained because it is a state road. Bypassing non-local traffic to Goodlette could shift maintenance burdens away from the state and onto the city. In addition, the bypass would add traffic to streets that front two schools and two official school crossings. Some businesses on 41 may object to a loss of traffic; also the inefficiency of left turn/right turn dog legs must be considered. It is all very preliminary with public meetings yet to be determined.

Finally, the City Council is about to enter budget discussions for the next fiscal year. Taxable values of property fell again in the past year. This means at the current mill levy, a revenue vs expenditure shortfall of around \$2.5 million is estimated.

Doug Finlay, Government Affairs Chair

CONDO NEWS

LET'S SPREAD THE NEWS....does your condo association have information or announcements that are worthy of being reported in our MPOA Newsletter? This quarterly publication is a great communications tool for the community. Please let me know of special announcements, your annual meeting, or other important messages you wish to make your neighbors aware of. Pass it on!

Marie Murphy—Condo Liaison

Lipps	Pfister	Schmitz	Taub
MacCormac	Pheasant	Scott	Tibstra
MacDonald	Poor	Shaheen	Tidwell
Malacina	Power	Short	Tycast
Matthews	Prutting	Silloway	Wagner
McGee	Puckett	Smith	Warning
McWhorter	Raineri	Stille	Wells
Murphey	Rozzi	Stipp	Whitley
Musto	Saravich	Stirling	Wikert
Newman	Sarangi	Stonis	Willson
Pepe	Schley	Strassner	Yelmokas
Perotti	Schmeckpeper	Sweet	

RESIDENT CLUB CARD

As you may know, the NEW Residents Club Card has proven to be an exciting and worthwhile addition for our paid members as well as our local merchants. We now have over 70 restaurants, professionals and retail participants! The card has been well received by the business community and its popularity continues to grow each week. The list of participants is on our website www.mpoa.org, and you can also pick up a flyer listing them from a guard at the Beach Park.

Some of the special deals include: a 25% discount at Café Luna (our very first participant!); Tropical Palm and Ziti Restaurant offer 20% discount. Square One Hair Design offers 25% off manicures and pedicures; Old Naples Chocolate and Petunian give retail discounts. Please look at the list. I'll bet you'll find some of your favorite spots honor the card. Make a copy of the list to keep in your car and carry the card in your wallet! **SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY!** If your favorite merchant is not participating, please suggest they join. Feel free to contact me and I will get in touch with them or have them contact me directly with questions or to learn the details.

Remember, this card is free to all members of the MPOA. This is another great benefit of living in The Moorings!

Marie Murphy—Condo and RCC Liaison



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