

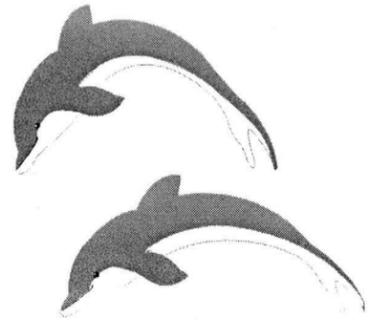


The Moorings

MOORINGS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The "season" is in full bloom and we hope everyone is enjoying our Beach Park and our Moorings community. Your MPOA board has tried to make the improvements at the Park we felt necessary for it to be considered the best in Naples.

There are, however, some bumps in the road within our community and especially within The Moorings. These bumps have to do with SAND—sand needed to refurbish our beaches, and excess sand that is impeding safe navigation in Doctor's Pass and beyond into Moorings Bay. Our beaches are scheduled to be renourished this year and the Collier County BCC (Board of county Commissioners) controls the money to do this. In the spirit of competitive bidding, the BCC is considering getting quotes for trucking sand to the beaches instead of using the more established removal procedure of dredging sand from off-shore and shooting it onto the beaches. It is estimated it will require some 22,000 truck-loads coming in from Immokalee and being brought into Naples directly through our residential streets. Ease of navigation through Doctor's Pass and Moorings Bay is critical to our community. It directly affects the values of all properties, even if they're not on water and if you're not a boater. Also critical to our area and property values is the timing. The BCC appears to be delaying the dredging of Doctor's Pass due to a shortage of funds and a perceived inadequate need to remove sand at this time. However the Pass is in need of work and without the BCC doing the funding, the City of Naples could be forced to pay for this critical work.

Each citizen should become educated about these two issues and directly communicate with members of the BCC. These are our tax dollars. (See Government Affairs column.)

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for supporting the MPOA. This will be my final letter as president and board member. I've enjoyed the past 6 years serving as treasure and president and the board is in good hands for the future. In addition I want to publicly thank all of the present and past MPOA board members who are my friends and colleagues. We are all volunteers and it is truly a labor of love.

Al Katz

SHARE THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Once again we have entered the "Honey, what did you say a coyote looks like?" season. Yes, the weather is changing, the population increases, and our Florida wildlife sees its habitat grow smaller each year. The reduction of area for native species habitat "forces" the intrusion into our habitat for the usual reasons... food, shelter and raising family.

At our December meeting, the Board received a report from the Naples police department on happenings in The Moorings. Of special interest was the mention of occasional sightings of wild animals such as coyotes, bobcats and foxes. The coyote is generally identified by its salt & pepper grey coat with brown and tan patches. It looks somewhat like a wolf or wolf-dog—about 32" long and 25" tall. A bobcat is about twice the size of a domestic cat and may have a spotted coat. Foxes just look like foxes!

Coyotes rarely pose a threat to people, but caution should be accorded their presence as small dogs could be tempting prey.

If you see a coyote or fox on your property please contact the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservancy Commission @ 1 888 404 3922 or the Naples Police Dept. @ 239 213 4844. Providing sighting information is helpful to authorities because it shows areas of concentration or new incursions into previously uninhabited sections of the state, county or municipal jurisdiction. They will not attempt to remove the animal as they are native to Southwest Florida. We must share the neighborhood. However, private agencies can be hired to remove them.

Marty Hayes

MEMBERSHIP

I can't believe the generosity of our members. Since the last newsletter we have had an additional 140 members donate extra money to be used for the upkeep of our beautiful beach park. It's no wonder that the Moorings is the envy of Naples. The entire board thanks you ever so much.

New Gold Members (Donation of \$1000 or more)

Anthony Carruba
Michel Foix
Francesco & Gandolfa Giampapa
Tom & Ann Messner
Ken Strassner

New Silver member (donation of \$500-999)

Tom & Loreen Wooden

All other donations

Andronaco, Armstrong, Austin, Babcock, Baker, Balavender, Bard, Bingham, Blakie, Bolus, Bond, Braden, Brennan, Brinker, Broomhead, Brown, Burke, Cadorin, Childs, Ciccia, Ciciarelli, Collins, Colp, Connors, Conrad, Cordaro, Dan, Dawson, Deluca, DeMarco, Demita, Dicapite, Dilks, Dugan, Edwards, Egan, Ehinger, Esmond, Etheridge, Faeson, Falzarano, Fidler, Fisher, Frauenshuh, Freniere, Fuchs, Gable, Gandol, Gralia, Greenwood, Greinert, Guaitoli, Gutowska, Haffner, Hampton, Harris, Hayes, Henderson, Hendrickson, Holtz, Jacklow, Josselyn, Karlstedt, Kelley, Kennedy, King, Kinsella, Klym, Kuller, Langer, Leher, Lehmkuhl, Malacina, Matthews, Maxwell, McGee, McWhorter, Meiners, Melone, Miller, Mona, Myers, Newman, Newmann, Nicholson, Nolan, O'Malley, Peacock, Pepe, Perell, Perotti, Peters, Pfister, Pluta, Poblock, Poor, Potter, Power, Raineri, Ramsey, Rasin, Reid, Reider, Remington, Rinehart, Sada, Salvi, Schmid, Schmidt, Schumaker, Scott, Shaheen, Simpson, Smith, Spier, Starling, Stier, Stille, Taft, Thirkill, Trihy, Utter, Versen, Walker, Warning, Weaver, Wedel, Wheeler, Whitaker, Whitley, Whittaker, Wikert, Williams, Yelmokas

Rog Albers - Chair

CHICKEE HUT

MPOA members are lining up to reserve the Chickee for their picnics, anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, etcetra. We have reservations for some events as far out as October. The Chickee with its paver flooring, painted furniture and brand new thatched roof has become the most sought after location for beach functions. It is one of members' most valuable assets because guests love coming to the beach where parking is not a hassle, bathrooms are spotless and the view is endless. To reserve the Chickee for your next party, speak to one of the guards as they process the reservation forms and calendar.

Ned Kendall - Chair

MOORINGS BEACH PARK

Some major improvements have been made in the Park since last we communicated through the newsletter. Our Chickee Hut has a new roof. Roofs on Chickees which are close to the beach have an average life span of 5 – 7 years, and that is exactly what we got out of our last roof. The fronds really dry out and routine storms take their toll. We had begun to see patches of blue sky when looking up through the roof, so we knew it was time. Barring a major storm, we should be good for another 5 – 7 years as we got high quality fronds.

Have you noticed two new showers at the Park? They are a really nice color (more subdued than the old ones) and they now turn on and off once the user releases the turn-on buttons. The old showers had automatic timers which were supposed to shut off but frequently malfunctioned resulting in expensive plumbing and water usage bills.

Also we have had a major pruning done on the Australian pines. These trees are in need of a serious pruning and crown reduction every few years. We always have this work done under the supervision of a certified arborist as our pines are valuable and we want them to be healthy for as long as possible.

Linda Black - Chair

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

So that we may contact you in the most timely and efficient manner, please send up-to-date email addresses to admin@MPOA.org



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MPOA Annual Meeting & Picnic

Sunday, March 10, 2013

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Featuring

Joe Marino and All the Kings Men

(50's, 60's, and 70's music)

Joe and his band have been on Broadway
 and now they are here at the Moorings)

\$10 per person at the door

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(we will have soft drinks and water
 And
 Something comfortable to sit on)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Many of you know that about every 10 years our Naples' area beaches are in need of a major sand renourishment. The next renourishment is projected for late 2013. In the past these renourishments have been accomplished with hydraulic dredging. The sand is picked up from large sand deposits off-shore, near Sanibel Island. The sand is then barged down to Naples and pumped onto the beach. Virtually all work is accomplished from the Gulf of Mexico.

However, something new might be in the works. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is investigating whether sand for the next nourishment should be truck-hauled to Naples' beaches from a sand mine near Immokalee. Whereas smaller, emergency beach renourishments have been truck-hauled into Naples, the volumes of sand were far less than what is needed for the 2013, major renourishment.

To illustrate the impacts on city streets and residents, the 2013 sand renourishment will require 343,000 cubic yards of sand for the Park Shore, Moorings, Coquina Sands and Old Naples Beaches. Each dump truck carries about 16 cubic yards of sand, meaning over 21,000 dump truck loads will be necessary. Since each dump truck must make a trip into the city, unload, and then leave the city, 40,000+, one-way trips will impact our streets, residents and visitors. Furthermore, each dump truck, fully loaded, will weigh in excess of 60,000 pounds, stressing city roads and bridges. To make matters worse, the sand renourishment will take place between November 1, 2013 and April 1, 2014--at the peak of season - when our streets, bike lanes, and sidewalks are filled with people and traffic. The following sites would be candidates for sand unloading and distribution to the beach: Horizon Way, Vedado, Via Miramar, Lowdermilk Park and the street ends at 8th Avenue North or 7th Avenue North, as well as 3rd Avenue North and possibly 9th Avenue South. This means streets used for access to the dumping sites could include Park Shore Drive, Harbour Drive, Mooring Line Drive, Banyan Road, Golf Drive, 7th Avenue North, Central Avenue and of course, the street that links all of those together, Gulf Shore Boulevard.

The Mayor and City Council have already objected. Hopefully this severely flawed idea will quickly be rejected by the Board of County Commissioners. If not, your input will be needed. It is essential we let the commissioners hear our voice NOW before they vote on the issue. PLEASE WRITE TO THEM!

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Doug Finlay, Chair

MOORINGS WATERWAYS

Dr's. Pass Dredging

Our last newsletter went into detail about the shoaling in of Doctor's Pass. Our City Councilman Doug Finlay has been doing an outstanding job keeping the serious concerns of Doctor's Pass in front of City Council. Mayor Sorey has written a letter to the Collier County Commissioners stating the urgent need to dredge. We hope the Commissioners take Mayor Sorey's and City council's comments seriously. Immediate action is needed.

We managed to get a little publicity the week of January 20 when Al Katz and I took local NBC reporter Rick Ritter out in my Grady White to show him the problem first hand. A three-minute segment aired during the 6 o'clock news on January 25. We were on the water at high tide and there was only 5' of depth; at low tide there was only 3' clearance. (The segment can be viewed at www.NBC-2.com/story/20709993/boaters-demand-emergency-dredging-at-doctors-pass.)

Background

Drs. Pass was fully dredged in 2001, 2005 and 2009, per the county schedule. It was to be dredged in 2012 but was shoved to the back burner by the Board of Commissioners of Collier County (BCC) because of politics and money. Boating is becoming more hazardous. If a boat runs aground not only is it expensive to repair props but the grounded boat may be in the way of other boats waiting to transit the pass.

Full dredging should last 4 years and cost \$880,000. The money for dredging is supposed to come from the Tourist Development Council (TDC) from the tax added to hotel rooms etc. The BCC controls the the TDC. The TDC collects these tourist taxes to keep the beaches renourished and waterways functioning.

Over the last 20 years The Moorings has accumulated about \$1,000,000 for disasters to keep in reserve. \$1,000,000 may seem like a lot of money but if a hurricane hits it may be only be a drop in the bucket. We need to maintain our disaster relief fund. The TDC and BCC know about this fund and suggest The Moorings should use its own money to dredge the Pass. If we did so, almost all the disaster relief money will be gone and our millage rate may go up, i.e. increased property taxes!

We can spot dredge at a cost of \$230,000 each time but that is like digging a hole in the sand. In comes water and fills the hole up with sand. Spot dredging would have to be done every 6 months. There goes the disaster relief fund.

You have all heard about the horrific situation of Clam Pass. If Clam Pass is dredged the dredging equipment could easily move to Doctor's Pass, saving the enormous expense of bringing the equipment at a later date. Clam Pass is a disaster. We hope the BCC gets the job done.

Water Quality

As the pass closes in the normal ebb and flow, water is decreased causing marine life to suffer. Eventually stagnation occurs because the water is unable to move in and out with tide. Over time the quality of water deteriorates. We all need to let our City and County representatives know dredging, paid for by the rightful agencies the BCC controls, must get done ASAP. Our disaster relief funds should and must not be used for this work.

Beach Renourishment

One other concern is that the BCC wants to haul in enormous amounts of sand from Immokalee in the next few months. This would involve 60,000 lb. trucks using our streets-- Mooring Line Drive, Banyan and others. This hauling may cause damage to our roads, bridges, cause congestion and disturb individuals using our beaches. We see the answer as using sand from dredging Doctor's Pass to renourish the beaches. If more sand is needed then it could be pumped in from the Gulf as was done last time. Hauling hundreds of loads with mega heavy trucks is more expensive, harmful and unnecessary when we have the sand right here.

What Next...take action

All citizens of Naples need to contact the BCC to immediately acquire the permitting and other requirements completed to commence full dredging. Perhaps our friends in Pelican Bay can impress upon the county commissioners the importance and timing of both Clam and Doctor's Pass dredging needs.

Bob Reynen, Chair