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# MOORINGS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, we did it! The bathroom is complete. Our builder, PBS Construction Co., really put on the final push to get the facility ready for use by the 4th of July. The Park was packed, especially for the fireworks display, and so far we've had great compliments about the facility. Many members have said the exterior blends perfectly with the Park. The MPOA Board is delighted our membership is pleased and we hope you'll let us know if there are other things you would like to see done in the future. As you may know, a few members chose not to support the financing of the bathroom and, therefore, dropped out of MPOA membership. If you know any of these individuals, you might encourage them to reconsider their decision and to come by and take a look at this much-needed facility. Hopefully, the \$140 one-time assessment will not look so large in retrospect. We were able to complete the project within budget, which is no mean feat these days.

Something you might notice at the Park is an increased presence of the Naples City Police. We made an arrangement through our community police officer, Bill Gonsalves, to provide bathroom access to the police while patrolling in the Moorings—a good deal for them and for us.

The restrooms will be professionally cleaned twice a week during the summer. If this needs to be increased, it will happen.

The repairs to the roof of the Chickee Hut (replacing cross members of the roof) is being done. This repair is being financed from our modest, but sufficient, reserves. Given our proximity to the Gulf, a hurricane can always play havoc with the Park. MPOA has insurance, but trees and such are not a part of the equation. Let's hope for good rains, but no hurricanes this summer!

Make sure you check out the new and improved MPOA website. In addition to newsletters, rules, Chickee Hut use applications and the like, we have photos of the entire construction phase of the bathroom; video interviews with our wonderful beach guards—Elmer, Tom and Keith, a video of the flag ceremony, and many photos of members just enjoying the Park.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you later in the year.

*Al Katz, President*

## BEACH PARK

### NEW BATHROOM!!!!

We have finally finished the construction and landscaping of the addition to the Park. We have had nothing but glowing reviews and are delighted with the end result. The landscaping uses mostly native plants and trees. Dwarf firebush (attracts butterflies), multi-stemmed bottle-brush trees (produces red "bottle-brush" like flowers), mimosa ground cover, silver saw palmettos, a dahoun holly (produces little red berries which attract birds), Simpson stopper bushes (also little red berries), bromeliads, and a wonderful Southern magnolia (thick leathery deep green shiny leaves with brown velvet underneath and bears big creamy white fragrant flowers), coccothrinax crinite palms (Old Man Palms), thatch palms, Washingtonia palms and sabal palms all grace the land. Between the rest room and the northern condominiums there now is a partial clusia hedge (aka Pitch Apple) like the one adjacent to the street. This hedge will provide the much needed screen and privacy feature that will benefit both the Park users and the condo dwellers. Appropriate areas have new sod and pine straw mulch has been put around the new plantings.



During the planting process I discovered the Park is host to a couple of long black snakes. (This discovery saw me screaming and running like a little girl to the safety of the new front porch!)

The Chickee Hut is undergoing a mini-face lift. Several of the top bracer boards fell off so they are being replaced.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you in the Park soon!

*Linda Black, Beach Park Chair*

## VISITOR'S PASS USAGE

Visitors are most welcome to our beautiful and unique Park. We are proud to share it with guests of residents of The Moorings. Guests are required to have a valid Visitor's Pass displayed in the dashboard of their vehicle. At no time will a guest be allowed to use the Park using a "copy" of a Visitor's Pass. If the original has been misplaced it is up to the individual to contact the MPOA member who gave him/her the pass and request the original. If the original cannot be found, the resident should come to the Park and purchase a replacement.

*Roger Albers, Incoming Membership Chair*



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## RESIDENT'S CLUB CARD

I suggest you take your RCC card and run not walk to Andre's Steakhouse for a fabulous dinner at a 30% discount! Our wonderful neighbor Andre's has increased its regular 20% discount by 10% during the summer. You can't afford to stay home with such a bargain out there.

Lots of other RCC members have terrific discounts also. Pull that card out and use it often. If a merchant doesn't currently honor the card, tell them you suggest they get with the program (which they can do by contacting me.)

The RCC committee has been hard at work not only getting new merchants to honor the card, but more communities have joined our program. Property owners associations now on board are: Coquina Sands, Royal Harbor, Lake Park, Oyster Bay, Aqualane Shores and the newest member—Port Royal. All residents need to do to get an RCC card is become a member of their home-owners' association.

*Marie Murphy, Condo Liaison & RCC representative*



## DONATIONS

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 capture and recognize each donation and we regret any misspellings or omissions.

### **New Gold Level Members--donation of \$1000 or more.**

Donna and John Denison  
Bill Fox  
Renata Norian

### **Donations of varying amounts (listed alphabetically by family name)**

Miller  
Schmidt  
Worley

*Sue Weidlich, Outgoing Membership Chair*

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

Ambulance service has been in the news recently. Before we get into recent developments, a little background. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is operated by Collier County. EMS serves our very large county with 24 ambulances. Of that total, two (recently upped from one), are based next to Naples City Hall and one ambulance is based at Fire Station 2, near Naples High School. Supplementing EMS, all Naples firefighters are trained either as paramedics or Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs).

If a 911 medical call is received by the City of Naples call/dispatch center, firefighters (EMTs) are immediately dispatched, with few questions asked. However, in the past, EMS response could take longer to dispatch because they are dispatched from the County Sheriff's call center and a series of questions must be answered to rank the severity of the emergency. (This is called an EMD). For those reasons, and a few others, Naples firefighters (EMTs) often arrived on the scene well ahead of EMS. If Advanced Life Support (ALS) was needed immediately, Naples firefighters could do so prior to EMS arrival. However, only EMS has the capability to transport a person to the hospital and EMS personnel are more experienced administering any needed drugs.

Earlier this year due to peak season demands and other issues, the City experienced a rash of disturbing, if not unacceptable, delays in the arrival of EMS. In simple terms, there were times when the ambulance was arriving too far behind the fire truck, creating concerns for Naples residents and city emergency personnel. I am pleased to report Collier County EMS has responded to City concerns and has assigned an additional ambulance to the City and protocols were adjusted for a more immediate response.

If we look at the funding side of EMS, some interesting numbers come to light. This year, Naples' property owners will send off \$2.7 million in ad valorem to the EMS. That translates to about \$900,000 per ambulance. If we look at the unincorporated county ad valorem funding per ambulance, the dollars per ambulance come to less than \$500,000. This means the City is paying a premium, which opens the door for a discussion as to whether the City should operate its own EMS. Currently City staff is investigating. It is far too early to tell where this issue will end. However, in the interim, EMS service to City residents has improved, possibly making any radical changes, such as an independent, City EMS unnecessary.

*Doug Finlay, Government Affairs Chair*