

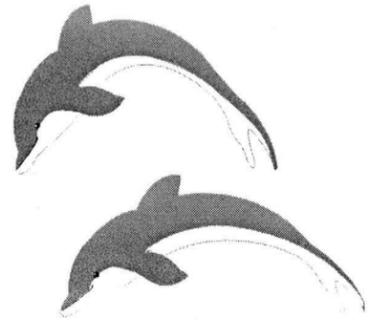


The Moorings

MOORINGS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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MEET THE NEW PRESIDENT

Linda Black and her husband Duane retired to Naples (along with their little Bichon Frise dogs) about 13 years ago after living in Ann Arbor, Michigan, for most of their lives. She has always been an avid gardener so was enthusiastic about working at the park. Besides the MPOA, Linda is on the Community Service Advisory Board and the Citizens Police Review Board with the City of Naples and works part time at a local physician's office. Her hobbies include traveling, cycling, knitting, and reading. Her work at the park has been done in loving memory of her son who passed away from melanoma after she moved to Naples.



MEMBERSHIP

The MPOA has 3 categories of membership. **The Gold Membership** is the most prestigious because it gives the donor lifetime membership to the Park – relieving one of ever having to pay annual dues. (Just think of all that postage you'll save by not having to mail in your annual dues check!) This membership doesn't end so if you move out of the Moorings, you will still be able to use the Beach Park. Additionally you are entitled to have a personally worded plaque put onto our memory board. All this for a donation of \$1000 or more. We recently have had 2 families take advantage of this program which brings us to a total of 127 Gold members. We thank you ever so much.

- 1- Virginia Gerald
- 2- Kevin & Kara Carroll

The Silver Membership is for those who donate \$500-\$999. This membership entitles you to be included on the memory board. Many use this level to commemorate family members, loved ones, or anyone who has made an impact on their lives. This membership does not include the lifetime membership but it is greatly appreciated because the monies are used, as are the Gold, for upgrades to our Park which help make it the MOST BEAUTIFUL BEACH PARK in Florida. We have 2 families who have recently joined the Silver ranks. Many thanks.

- 1- Thomas Davis
- 2- Juliann Figliola

The Annual Membership is probably the best bargain in Naples. The annual dues of a lofty \$55 (Park Shore charges \$100) entitles you to a parking place at the Beach Park, a copy of the newsletter and, if you have supplied us with your email address, the periodic emails that update you on happenings in Naples.

Just as important is the number of **donations** we receive from our very generous members. These donations help us to keep the park in its immaculate condition. The following have made contributions since the last newsletter. We thank you ever so much for your generosity.

Cascione, Chema, Davis, Delaere, Douglas, Farley, Fenner, Getman, Hearn, Johnson, Kneafsey, Lore, Maher, Prutting, Robson, Saporito, Wigton, Wilmot

Rog Albers

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are so pleased to have three new members join our Board— Trish Erickson, Joe O'Malley and Doug Stewart— each of whom brings different skills to the table. Ours is an all-volunteer Board and it is with great excitement we begin expanding the direction of the MPOA. The Board has said goodbye and a huge thank you to Al Katz who served as our president and whose steady hand guided us through the bathroom project, and to Marty Hayes who filled an unexpired term last year

We have also said goodbye to Park attendant Tom Berk who decided to really retire this time and do some travelling! We welcome the new park attendant, Pete Sharkey, who will work on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pete.

We are so glad the "heavy lifting" is finally finished at the Park! The landscaping is in great shape, the bathroom was built, the pavers are down in the parking lot, the Chickee Hut roof has been replaced, old benches and picnic tables and the dolphins have been restored, many new benches and picnic tables have been installed, and we have new showers. Whew That was a lot of work. The only item remaining is the replacement of the tables under the Chickee Hut but this will come I know because we have so many wonderful and generous donors.

Although we all recognize the Beach Park as the crowning jewel of the Moorings, the MPOA is about much more than the Park. We are currently very concerned about the shoaling in of Doctor's Pass which could have an impact on all of our property values if dredging is not done soon. We are also looking forward to the continuation of the sidewalk/pathways project by the City. It is slated to begin sometime in June. (See Doug Finlay's article.) We have terrific Board members who are monitoring and contributing their ideas to keep the ball rolling in both of these situations.

As your president, I now serve on the Presidents' Council. This group comprises presidents from the various homeowners' associations throughout the City. The Council meets monthly and Bill Moss, City Manager, along with heads of departments, speaks and lets us know exactly what is going on in the City and how it affects us. We then take this message back to our respective HOAs and present it at our monthly meetings. Should you have something you wish to comment on, suggest, or complain about – let me know and I will do my best to represent us.

One of the things we as a Board are excited about pursuing is simplifying the annual renewal process for our members. We are also looking at going online with the annual dues payments. By the time this newsletter reaches you, we should be on our way!

As I sit at my desk writing this message, it is with a heavy heart. The airways and television screens have nothing but graphic pictures and sound bites about today's terrible explosions during the Boston Marathon.... I hope by the time this newsletter reaches you, we will know who has committed this terrible atrocity. It makes all that I wrote today seem so unimportant in the scheme of things. We are all so fortunate to live in this wonderful City in our United States of America.

Linda Black

RCC (RESIDENT'S CLUB CARDS) CARDS UPDATE

In August 2013 the restaurant and merchant discount program called RCC informed all Naples homeowners' associations it was changing from a community-based, volunteer organization to a for-profit entity. A "Trademark License Agreement" was sent to each association that outlined onerous requirements and costs in order to continue with the program in 2013. As a result, the MPOA board of governors voted to discontinue its participation in the program at the end of 2012. Other associations who chose to withdraw were Park Shore Association and Port Royal Property Owners Association. These three associations represent the three largest in the City.

Members wishing to buy a 2013 RCC card may go directly to the RCC website at www.rccnaples.com. The cost for the first card is \$35.00 and \$25 for a second one.

MPOA ANNUAL MEETING/PICNIC



About 225 members and friends were in attendance at the annual meeting and picnic at the Beach Park on Sunday, March 10. Lively music by Joe Marino and All the Kings Men set the festive tone and Russell's Clambakes provided delicious chow. It was a gorgeous day with folks chatting with old friends and meeting new neighbors.

In the absence of president Al Katz, former president Linda Penniman convened the annual meeting. She called on Joe Peipul to preside. Dick Hazen, member and former banker, attested he had reviewed the books and the treasurer's reports and all appeared correct and proper. Linda Penniman presented a slate of officers to the membership. There had been 13 well-qualified candidates who contacted her about serving on the Board but there were only three positions open and Trish Erickson, Doug Stewart and Joe O'Malley were elected.

Highlight of the afternoon was dancing to the lively music and especially watching Elmer cut a rug on the dance floor!

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

We are currently conducting a short electronic survey to gather information of preferences of members for communications, events and payment options. If you are currently not on our e-mail list and interested in participating in the survey, please send an e-mail to www.survey@mpoa.org and provide your name, Moorings address and e-mail address and we will forward a link to the survey to you. Alternatively you may go directly to www.MPOA.org and click on the survey link which will take you directly to the questionnaire.

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

The Moorings Country Club is extending a very special offer to members of the MPOA. Upon paying your 2014 MPOA dues, you will be invited to enjoy a round of golf/and or dining at Moorings Country Club. Normal guest fees will apply for you and up to three of your guests. This offer is being made to so residents may have a taste of this special, private, neighborhood club. Details will be forthcoming in the fall newsletter.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS



When not in Naples Doug Stewart lives with his wife, Linda Sahagian, in the Chicago suburb of Oak Park. They started coming to Naples in the 1990s and fell in love with the beauty and people; the Conservancy and The Phil; and, of course, The Moorings. They first rented on Bow Line and in 2004 became owners in the Kings Port Club. Doug's professional life was in the packaging business for global personal care and pharmaceutical products. They have three sons and two grandchildren who love Naples and the Beach Park.

Trish Erickson came to Naples in 2001 from Minneapolis where she enjoyed a 17-year career at General Mills. During her tenure she was the Marketing Research Director for BigG Cereals—Yoplait, Snacks, and Gold Medal Divisions and Cereal Partners Worldwide (Europe). Trish finished her career there as General Manager of InsightTools, a joint venture between General Mills and Market Tools. She has been on the Board of Trustees/Advisory Board for Seacrest Country Day School since 2003. Trish and her husband Jeff have two children.



Joe O'Malley is originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where he met his wife of fifteen years, Mary Kay. They relocated to Naples from Northern Virginia in July of 2004 just prior to back to back to back hurricanes. They rented a home in a gated community for three years until they finally found a place in the Moorings to build their home. They love their neighborhood and believe it is the best place to raise their seven children. Joe's background was in financial services and for the last eight years he has built out the South Florida Offices for Intertech Security. Intertech Security is a Security Systems Integrator that has offices throughout the east coast. Joe spends most of his free time with his kids on the soccer fields or at the ice hockey rink.

MOORINGS WATERWAYS

It seems as though my comments this year have been mostly about the need for dredging of Doctor's Pass—and with good reason. The Pass is an integral asset to not only The Moorings neighborhood but Naples overall.

Recently a sailboat ran aground in the late afternoon on the shoaled area just north of Markers 1 and 2. It was stuck there until around 10:30 p.m. when the tide rose. The area in front of the Pass entrance has been continuously shoaling-over from the north jetty and has reached the south jetty making ingress and egress difficult and dangerous. The area by Markers 4 and 14 are also shoaling in.

It would have been so much better to have had the dredging done in 2012 as was scheduled, but that didn't happen. The engineering requirements, permitting process and final approval by various government bodies has and continues to take time. Now the estimate is that the Pass will be dredged in August at the earliest and no later than November.

I am very grateful to fellow MPOA board member and city councilman Doug Finlay for his dedication to keeping the Doctor's Pass issues in the forefront of the agendas of City Council and BCC. Also I am grateful to have had the assistance of various other organizations that watch and protect our waterways, passes, bays and beaches.

Hopefully by the time our next issue of the newsletter is distributed the Pass will have been dredged and the board can concentrate on issues such as water quality, marine life and the beauty of our Moorings Bay and waterways.

Bob Reynen, Chair

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Below are updates on a couple of items of interest to residents of The Moorings.

1. Sidewalks. This summer, perhaps no later than July, the City will begin construction of a sidewalk extension along Gulf Shore Boulevard North. This extension will run from just north of the Edgewater Hotel to the Mooring Line Bridge. The sidewalk will be located on the west side of the street and pass in front of our Moorings Beach Park. Once complete there will essentially be a continuous link from the Naples Pier to our Beach Park. However, a link is still needed extending east of the Mooring Line Bridge to the existing sidewalk on Crayton Road and on to Highway 41. Construction of this final phase is awaiting funding from a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) grant. The "bridge to Highway 41" section is scheduled for design in 2015/16, at a cost of \$67,000 and construction in 2016/17, at a cost of \$413,000.

2. Reclaimed water. The City will soon expand the reclaimed water system. Reclaimed water is used for irrigation, not in-house consumption. For many years this water has irrigated golf courses, select medians and parks, the Naples Zoo, and Coastland Mall. The system was subsequently expanded into Port Royal and properties along Gordon Drive because these entities have high irrigation demand. Changing irrigation from potable to reclaimed water reduces the demand on our aquifer. Further expansion of the reclaimed system is possible because we have increased our supply and storage capability. The city is now drawing water from the Golden Gate Canal to supplement treated waste water. Just as important, this water can now be stored for dry season recovery in two new City-owned ASR wells (aquifer storage and recovery).

The new, reclaimed water service area will require construction of a main running down Park Shore Drive, from Goodlette-Frank Road to Gulf Shore Boulevard North. The main will then head south on GSBN and stop at Harbour Drive. Properties along this route will be able to hook up to reclaimed water. Construction will start this summer and finish a year later. Cost is budgeted at just over \$3,000,000 but with an offset—a \$750,000 grant from our Water Management District. Though not yet decided, there is a good chance the next phase of construction will extend further into The Moorings with a reclaimed main running from the corner of Harbour Drive and GSBN, south to Admiralty Point, as well as east to Crayton Road and then south on Crayton to Mooring Line Drive.

3. Pensions. The City has succeeded in reducing across-the-board pension costs. These costs were escalating at a rapid rate, both in annual charges to the City budget and unfunded liability. Previous concessions had been obtained from police and general employees. Only the firefighters remained outside the fold. For the firefighters, annual General Fund pension contributions had grown from \$110,000 in 2004 to \$2,000,000 this year. Our unfunded liability jumped from \$2.3 million in 2004 to \$21.8 million in 2011. A recent unanimous vote of City Council adopted the City Manager's recommendation for firefighter pension concessions. Projected savings from the firefighter's pension only, going forward 30 years, should be approximately \$50,000,000.

Doug Finlay, Chair

MEET THE NEWEST BEACH PARK GUARD!

We are so lucky to have found Peter Sharkey to be on staff at the Park on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Peter and his wife Mary Jo moved to Naples from New Jersey in 2001 when they bought a house and guest house in Old Naples while two of their five children were still in middle school. Peter's career was in sales and marketing for an American manufacturing company. He is a wonderful addition to the scene!

