

WATERWAYS WATCH NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY/MARCH



Waterways Office

The Waterways Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, closed for lunch from noon till 1:00. Wednesday's from 11:00 am - 7:00 pm and closed for lunch from 12:30 - 1:30pm.

You may call Romya at 239-353-6887 to make an appointment.

Remember all Waterways Residents may rent the Chiki Hut or Clubhouse for a private event. It is the perfect place for::

- Holiday Parties
- Family Barbecue (grills at Chiki Hut)
- Birthday Parties
- Baby or Wedding Showers
- Wedding reception
- Remembrance Gathering

Call the office to plan your next event!
239-363-6887

DATES AHEAD

February 2nd - Food Truck Thursdays

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Gator Creek Bar B Que

Dippity Donuts

Sunday, February 12th - Super Bowl Party

Waterways Clubhouse - start @ 5:00 pm

Wednesday, February 8th - ARC Meeting

7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 14th-Monthly Board Meeting 7:00 PM

March 2nd - Food Truck Thursday

5 - 7 pm

Saturday, March 4th - Movie Night Under the Stars

Chiki Hut - 5:00 pm

Movie Title will be sent in an email

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We've entered the New Year, and looking forward to great things in our community. We have seated a new board of directors to manage alongside Alliant Property Management

Your 2023 Board of Directors are:

Jeffrey Heverling, President

Stacey Firlik, Vice President

Mark Rosenbalm, Secretary

Shirley Cothran, Treasurer

Parshotam Lull, Director

We are thankful that there are dedicated individuals who are willing to take up this work to benefit our community.

The year ahead will be exciting. We are focusing on improvements in our community. Many have asked, "What will we do with all the money in the Reserve?". Spending/investing is set to begin. We have commenced work to improve the storage lot. Coming next will be major sidewalk and curb repairs (approx. 10,000 sq. ft.), street repairs (approx. 1,000 sq. ft.), Chickee Hut re-roofing, and many other projects. In the weeks and months ahead, the board will be reviewing bids on these and other projects.

This month, I also have a rather mundane topic that needs to be discussed – living with dogs in our community. The bottom line here is that more and more owners in Waterways have dogs and many have multiple dogs. Yes, we love our dogs – I am a dog lover for sure. Anyone who knows me, is aware that I have trained my dog Danny, and have worked with him to win two American Kennel Club Master Agility Champion titles. You may have seen me on the street with Skippy practicing some tricks, but here's the deal. Our dogs are required by Collier County to be on a leash when outside of home or yard. All dogs are required to be under the owner's control at all times. Yet here in Waterways, there is a growing number of dogs running freely about the neighborhood, and at times there are owners walking their dogs off-leash.

Dogs roaming the neighborhood may be the result of an accidental escape, but when the escapes happens over and over, they are not accidental. In fact, the dog owner is not in compliance with county ordinance or our community docs. On top of this, roaming dogs represent an unsafe situation. They may be hit by a car, or have a bite incident from an individual who tries to catch the dog for its owner. They can create very bad behavior incidents with other owners who may encounter them while walking their own dog on a leash. For those not knowledgeable about dog behavior, it is important to know that a leashed dog tends to be fearful when a roaming dog repeatedly approaches it....and any dog – even the most lovable, kissy one, may bite if you approach in a way that is misunderstood by the dog.

Please, before someone gets bitten or before a roaming dog is captured by Collier County Domestic Animal Services, let's get this under control. If you have an escape artist, you need to solve the problem. Study dog communication. Check out the trainer, Victoria Stilwell (<https://positively.com/>); hire a behavioral trainer to help you. Do what you can to make a difference before someone is hurt. Install dog gates inside your home; leash your dog when going out, and be with your dog while he is in your fenced-in yard.

And please pick up your poop!

Jeff Heverling

President

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee is working on several events for the next few months.

Check out the DATES AHEAD and mark your calendars.

The children of Waterways enjoyed seeing Santa and Mrs. Clause riding through the community. Thanks to the North Naples Fire District who led the parade. The children were able to give Santa their WISH LIST and have a photo with Santa & Mrs. Claus.



SUPER BOWL PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

WATERWAYS CLUBHOUSE

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM

GAME STARTS AT 6:00 PM

- BRING AN HORS D'OEUVRE TO SHARE
- A SIDE DISH OR DESERT
- HAMBURGERS AND HOTDOGS W/ ALL
- THE FIXINS PROVIDED
- BIG SCREEN TV INDOORS OR OUTDOORS
- WILL IT BE:
 - EAGLES OR 49'ERS
 - BENGALS OR CHIEFS
- COME OUT AND CHEER YOUR TEAM
- TO VICTORY.

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH
CHICKEE HUT

- 5:00 PM - MOVIE TBD
- PIZZA, WATER, JUICE
- POPCORN
- GLOW STICKS
- BYOB FOR ADULTS
- BRING CHAIR / BLANKET
- BUG SPRAY

WATERWAYS CARES

THANK YOU to all that donated in 2022. Waterways community helped many charities this year including: Toys \$ Tots, DAS with pet donations, St. Mathews House, Baby Basics of Collier County, Collier County Schools with a sock and underwear donations, a clothing drive after Hurricane Ian Abused Women and Children of Collier County. WHEW we have helped so mankind can't wait to see who we can help in 2023.

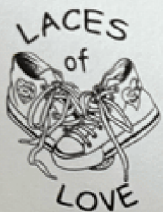
For any new residents in our community, Waterways Cares is an out-reach program to help make a positive impact locally. Every two months we help a charity, food bank or agency to assist them in their needs.

For February and March we will be helping
"LACES FOR LOVE"

This is a 100% Volunteer charity that distributes mainly NEW sneakers to school age children in Lee and Collier County, who can not afford them.



We will collect NEW SHOES/SNEAKERS AND SOCKS during any of our events, Food Truck Thursday, Super Bowl or Movie Night. If you can not bring to an event please email Sue Manning at: suekmann@msn.com and she will pick up your donations. If you have a charity that we can help please email to Sue. Please help if you can. Neighbors Helping Neighbors.



**NEW SHOES
FOR
NEEDY KIDS!**

The mission of LACES of LOVE is to provide NEW shoes to low income and disadvantaged children primarily in Collier and Lee Counties, FL. Shoes are distributed through the schools and through other non profits that serve "Laces" kids.

LACES of LOVE has provided over 250,000 children in need with NEW shoes since 2005. We also provide a limited number of sports shoes to kids who want to participate in sports but who cannot afford soccer cleats, volleyball shoes, wrestling shoes, football cleats, or basketball shoes.

Laces of Love is 100% volunteer. There are NO paid staff, and all money donated goes directly for new shoes for kids in need.

Thank you for your support. Please visit our website... www.lacesoflove.org and "Like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LacesofLove.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

TENNIS

Come and join us for a friendly game of tennis on:
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
Starting at 8:00 am until 10:00 am.

All skill levels are welcome. Just meet at the courts at 8:00 am for a fun game of tennis. We are looking for players of all ages & levels of play.

PICKLEBALL

All residents can enjoy this family fun activity. There are two nets that can be assembled easily and placed on the west Tennis Court. For newcomers there are two paddles and balls located in the storage locker, where the pickleball nets are stored. So come out and try the fastest growing sport in America. Contact Julie if you are interested in playing. We will select days and times for future play.

Julie Mendenhall
386-479-6527
mendenhallj@bellsouth.net

BINGO

The Bingo Committee will update ALL BINGO players as to when we will start having BINGO again.
Our main concern is to be in a safe environment and feel comfortable gathering inside.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

Open Air Farmers Market - 3rd St. South

Repeats every week every Saturday.

Saturday, January 21, 2023 - 7:30am to 11:30am



44th Annual Naples National Art Show - Cambier Park

Saturday, February 25, 2023 - 10:00am to 5:00pm



Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens

On the first Saturday of every month, 12 times a year, Collier County residents receive free zoo admission all day long. Enter any time, all day long, up until 3:30 p.m. with no coupon required - just proof of residency for all adults.

Visitors under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age.

