

# WATERWAYS WATCH NEWSLETTER APRIL / MAY



## Waterways Board of Directors for 2023



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**WATERWAYS OFFICE HOURS**

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 contact Romya at 239-353-6887 .

## DATES AHEAD

**Thursday, April 6th**

Food Truck Thursday, 5:30 pm

**Saturday, April 8th**

WW Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 am  
(more details below)

**Tuesday, April 11th**

Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

**Saturday, April 29th**

CPR Class, 9:00 am  
(more details below)

**Sunday, April 30th**

WW Funday Sunday

1:30 - Pickelball Clinic & Play

3:00 - Music on the Green

**Thursday, May 4th,**

Food Truck Thursday, 5:30 pm

**Monday, May 29th,**

Memorial Day Cookout & Wreath Drop

2:45 - 5:30 PM

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

At this time, I have two very important items to share with our homeowners. First, we are ready to commence sidewalk repairs to eliminate our trip and fall hazards. Second, I want to talk about our weir.

We have finalized the contract and legal review with our contractor who will handle repairs to our sidewalks, curbs and some street work throughout the entire community. It is expected that the work will commence in about six to eight weeks, and once started, will continue for about one month. This is a huge construction project that will be executed in phases. My estimate suggests there will be about 12 – 15 phases, but the contractor may realign my plans based upon his requirements. We will provide as much advance notice as possible regarding the work locations as they unfold. Please understand this is the largest project to be undertaken in the community since its original development. We will work to minimize inconveniences, but this project's success also depends upon you – we will need you to be cooperative when inconveniences pop up.

Regarding the Weir, I thought we should discuss last September's worries about our lakes flooding because the weir was not working properly. I want you to know that this was total rumor. The current low lake level has allowed me to get a close-up view and examination of the weir. Many of you will be surprised to learn that the weir contains NO moving parts and NO mechanisms to hold back or contain water in our lakes. The weir is simply a flow-through device. It is designed to permit water from our lake to leave at a reduced flow rate while preventing back-flow (water coming into our lake from the adjoining canal). It is the only means for water to exit our lakes. Three corrugated pipes are attached to a concrete vault, and act as skimmers to hold back any debris floating in the water, while water is suctioned out from the bottom of the lake under the skimmers. Once the water enters the vault (through what looks like an opening for a window), it flows directly through the outflow pipe into the Bolt Canal. The only control of the outflow from our lake is managed by changing the back-pressure caused by the level of water existing in the Bolt Canal. This is monitored and managed by Collier County under the direction of the South Florida Water Management District. Therefore, it is these two organizations that control our lake levels through their control of movable weirs down stream from the Bolt Canal. They must manage this as part of a much bigger picture that involves flood management for a huge amount of land that runs South into the Everglades. Waterway's and the Board have absolutely no control over this management. And there is nothing to service on the weir. Finally, the design of the weir prevents floating debris and vegetation from clogging the flow of the weir. I hope this helps you understand the functionality of our weir.

Best regards,  
Jeff Heverling



# ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee is planning several events for April and May, so mark your calendars and plan to attend! Our committee is looking for NEW MEMBERS, so if you would like to help plan community events, please contact me at:  
[activities@wnnaples.com](mailto:activities@wnnaples.com)

## The Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th at 9:00 am.

Gather at the Clubhouse for Donuts, Juice and Coffee.

### **BRING YOUR EASTER BASKET & RSVP Below**

The hunt will begin at 9:15 SHARP so don't be late. We will have the following age

groups: 0 - 3 years old

4 & 5 years old

6 - 10 years old

After the hunt you will have the opportunity to have pictures taken with the Easter Bunny and collect a "Goodie Bag" for each child.

**So that we have enough EGGS and Goodie Bags for each child please RSVP to the link below to register your child/children.**

<https://wnnaples.com/easter-egg-hunt-rsvp/>

## CPR Class

Saturday, April 29th at 9:00 am

Waterways Clubhouse

This is a FREE event and has limited space.

The North Collier Fire District will do a HANDS ONLY CPR class

This course is a **Bystander or Hands-Only CPR**, which is different from "traditional" CPR because it eliminates the initiation of rescue breaths and only focuses on the delivery of compressions. Pushing hard and fast in the center of a victim's chest gets the oxygen-rich blood circulating throughout the body until Fire/EMS arrives and can provide Advanced Life Support.

In this course, you will learn how to administer compression-only CPR and the use of an AED, and we will also review what to do when a person is choking.

Hands-Only or bystander CPR can double a person's chance of survival if performed in the first few moments. Come and spend a couple of hours with us and learn how to save a life.

**YOU MUST REGISTER WITH THE LINK BELOW - CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO WW RESIDENTS .**

<https://wnnaples.com/cpr-class-rsvp/>

# ARC & Landscape Committees



Photo L to R

Michael Bogert, new member of the ARC

Bonnie Graham, Co-chair of ARC

Pat Cicigna, Chair of Landscape Committee

You may see these committee members in the community reviewing home or landscape requests.



# WATERWAYS CARES

THANK YOU to all that donated to LACES OF LOVE. Our donations were greatly appreciated and the children who received them were so HAPPY.



For 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 there needs.

For April and May, Waterways Cares would like to try something different. In **April**, we will be collecting personal hygiene items (see list below for suggestions). These can be full-size or unused hotel sized products. In **May**, we will be volunteering with Feed Thy Neighbor, a local 501c3 organization that cooks and delivers meals to the underserved and homeless in Collier County. We will provide the “**Blessing Bags**” with the items we collected in April to be delivered with the daily meals.

You can bring items to any Community event, like Food Truck Thursday, Easter Egg Hunt or Music on the Green. You can also drop off at 904 Grand Rapids Blvd on the porch bench. If you can't purchase items for the "Blessing Bags" you can also drop off a monetary donation and the Activites Committee will purchase the needed items. Thank you in advance to help the homeless and those in need in our county.

- Socks
- Toothbrush + Toothpaste
- Peanut butter crackers
- Applesauce
- Granola bar
- Mints
- Lip balm
- Pads + tampons
- Washcloth or face/body wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Face masks
- Bottled water
- Dental floss
- Comb/brush
- Plastic spoon/fork
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent

Please help if you can. If you have any questions or need us to pick up your donation, please send an email to:

**[activities@wnnaples.com](mailto:activities@wnnaples.com)**

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

## Music on the Green

and

## Pickleball

Sunday, April 30th

Tennis Courts

1:30 - 3:00 pm

## Pickelball

Join us at 1:30 for a fun game of Pickleball at the Tennis Courts. We welcome newcomers to the sport as well as experienced players. We will have extra paddles for Pickleball and will teach you techniques to enjoy this game, followed by pairing up teams and play some "PICKLEBALL!"

Any questions email Julie at: [mendenhallj@bellsouth.net](mailto:mendenhallj@bellsouth.net)



## Music on the Green

Sunday, April 30th

Chikee Hut

3:00 - 5:00 pm



Neighbors, friends, and families of Waterways, join us for "SUNDAY FUNDAY", a family fun event. We will be outside listening to GREAT MUSIC on the lawn, so bring your favorite beverage, lawn chairs, or blankets. We will have Food Trucks available to enjoy. FEATURING: DJ Maria (Music/Song requests taken) Maybe a Twist contest or Limbo?? So come out and meet your neighbors in Waterways. AND we will have a basket filled with Wine and Snacks to Raffle off during the event. So come out and enjoy this event. Hope to see you all there.

## Memorial Day Cookout

Monday, May 29th

Chikee Hut

2:45 - 5:30 pm

Join us to commemorate the fallen soldiers on this Memorial Day. We begin at 3:00 pm SHARP to have a "Moment of Silence" followed by the ceremony of dropping the Memorial Wreath, from the bridge by the clubhouse. Sean Hunt, resident of Waterways, will play the Bagpipes. After the ceremony join us at the Clubhouse for a Memorial Day Pot Luck Dinner. John LePresti, our resident Waterway's Cook, will be cooking up Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and more with all the toppings. We will supply bottle water, coffee, soda and juice for the children. Adults BYOB. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

# OTHER ACTIVITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

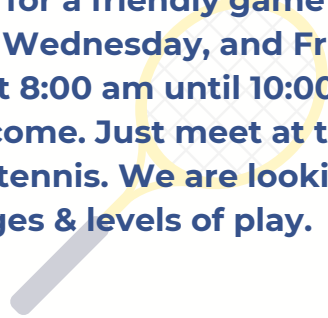
## TENNIS

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.

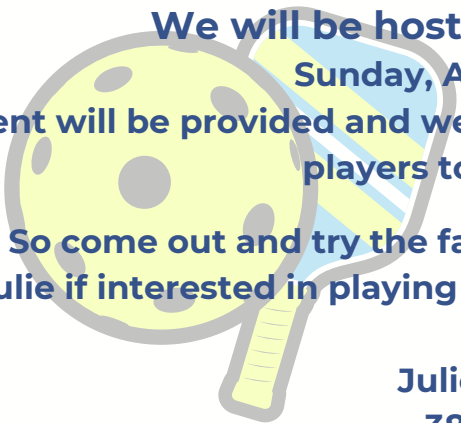
We will be hosting a Clinic and Play on:

Sunday, April 30th at 1:30 pm

Equipment will be provided and we encourage new players as well as seasoned players to join in on the fun

So come out and try the fastest growing sport in America.

Contact Julie if interested in playing and will select days and times for future play.



Julie Mendenhall

386-479-6527

[mendenhallj@bellsouth.net](mailto:mendenhallj@bellsouth.net)



The Bingo Committee will update ALL BINGO players as to when we will start having BINGO again.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

## Open Air Farmers Market - 3rd St. South


Repeats every week every Saturday.

Saturday's - 7:30am to 11:30am



## 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.



## The Elvis Presley Experience!


Starring Matt Stone / The Norris Center presents:

Saturday, April 22, 2023 - 5:00pm \$25.00

"ELVIS: In Person" is a world-class Elvis Tribute concert starring Matt Stone. In 2022, Matt was named by Graceland as one of the Top Ten Elvis Tribute Artists in the world!

Matt brings an unseen level of authenticity and attention to detail to his craft, matched with unbridled vocal power and captivating charisma!

Unlike many other tribute artists on the market, Matt Stone portrays the King in his prime: young, agile, and full of energy... the way he should be remembered!



## NAMI Hope Shines Walk-Baker Park

Saturday, May 6, 2023 - 8:30am to 11:00am

For More Information Call: 239-302-7752