

WATERWAYS WATCH NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023

WATERWAYS

PLEASE WELCOME PAUL KNOTT
OUR NEW WATERWAYS HOA
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



Paul recently returned to Naples after living in Chicago for the past 19 years. In Chicago he was a Real Estate Broker. Paul lived in Naples from 1996 - 2004 and was a teacher in Mathematics to Middle School students. He also lived in Wisconsin where he graduated from the University of Wisconsin. Please stop by to welcome Paul to our community

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 Paul at 239-353-6887 .

DATES AHEAD

BOARD MEETINGS:

TUESDAY, JUNE 13 TH, 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, JULY 11 TH, 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 TH, 7:00 PM

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SUMMER is here, and many Family's will be on vacation, so the Activites Committee will not be hosting any events including Food Truck Thursday's until September.

We wish to thank all of our neighbors and friends who have attended our events. We strive to plan events for the whole community!

Enjoy your Summer and see you in  
AUGUST for a  
"BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY FAIR"  
Saturday, August 12th

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

## HURRICANE SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING

For those of us who are long-time residents, we know our homes are of good construction. We have gone through several hurricanes - we are still here: Charley (2004), Wilma (2005), Irma (2017) and Ian (2022). For us, our biggest problem was fallen trees during Irma, and standing water for Irma and Ian.

Hurricanes are all about preparation. If you are new to the community, please attend a hurricane seminar. Grab a hurricane guide at Publix. Visit the Collier County web portal at: <https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/government/public-utilities/solid-hazardous-waste/hurricane-preparedness>

At this time, wrap up any final adjustments in your homeowner's insurance and flood insurance. This should be a high priority. Following this, you should focus on the following at a minimum:

- Gather emergency supplies sufficient for your family for a week
- Ensure that you secure any important documents
- Look at your evacuation zone and prepare a plan in case there is a need to leave
- Learn the location of county shelters
- Evaluate the exterior of your home with an eye toward identifying items that could become airborne during a storm; create a plan to secure them for a storm
- If your lot happens to have a storm sewer inlet, keep it free of leaves and other debris to prevent surface blockages that will encourage pooling of water.
- Plan for protecting your windows. Original construction of homes in Waterways did not include hurricane proof windows. Think about the need to protect your windows.
- For those who wish to know more, I would suggest you review the Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Natural Disasters, which can be downloaded from: <https://disaster.ifas.ufl.edu/media/disasterifasufledu-/docs/Florida-Homeowners-Handbook.pdf>

Last year, our region experienced heavy rainfall leading up to Ian (same was true just before Irma). There were numerous concerns over possible lake flooding into our homes, failure of our weir and failure of our storm sewer system due to sediment, oak leaves and trash.

The Board has taken these issues seriously. Board member Mark Rosenbalm inventoried all of our points of inflow and outflow. Shortly after, the Board arranged for Shenandoah, a stormwater & sewer cleaning service, to perform inspection of our systems. Both Stacey Firlik and Mark Rosenbalm witnessed the inspection process. The experts determined that there is no need for any type of sewer system cleaning at this time. Additionally, the weir has been inspected and is ready for the storms.

With regard to water level in our lakes, remember we are not in control of the level. Water levels are managed by the COUNTY and SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT. Our lakes were designed to be retention for storm water runoff – designed to get very high. These agencies actively monitor the levels and work to manage impacts of flows on *Golden Gate Canal and other downstream locations, in an effort to minimize flooding.*

Jeff Heverling

# ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee will not be planning events for June and July. We hope everyone enjoys their summer vacations both near and far.

Be SAFE and see you all in August.

As we plan for events for the rest of the year we are looking for new members to join our Activities Committee:

Are you looking for a remarkable way to serve and contribute to our Waterways Community? Then you should join the Activities Committee! As part of the team you will get to help plan fun and exciting community events for children and adults!

As a member of the AC you also get the exclusive opportunity to create and conduct new activities that help bring our community together!

You will be joining a team of cohesive and cheerful members dedicated to serving Waterways. Here is a list of the awesome events we currently hold or sponsor:

- Food Truck Thursdays (First Thursday of each Month)
- Super Bowl Party (Sponsored)
- Pot Luck Breakfast or Dinner's
- Saint Patrick's Day Party
- Family Movie Night Under the Stars
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Music on the Green (Featuring special musical guests)
- Memorial Day Cookout (Sponsored)
- Fall or Spring Community Garage Sale
- Casino Trip
- Halloween Decorating Contest
- Trunk or Treat Halloween Party
- Holiday Decorating Contest
- Santa Clause Fire Engine Parade (Assisted by North Collier Fire Rescue District – Station #10)

If you would like to join our committee please send us your contact information using the form below.

<https://wnnaples.com/join-the-ac/>

Marilyn Sams  
Activities Committee Chair  
[activities@wnnaples.com](mailto:activities@wnnaples.com)



# MEMORIAL DAY COOKOUT



Thank you to all of the residents who came out and supported this event. We had over 75 in attendance, and it was so great to see the community come together.

**A SPECIAL Thank you to our Veterans who attended:**

- Issac Cohen - Navy
- Carlos Villock - Air Force
- Jim Kirk - Marine
- Dominic Grace - Army
- Tom Cox - Army
- Sam Banks - Navy
- Charles Raye - Army



I am sorry I did not get the names of all the veterans that attended. We thank all Veterans for their service.

Once again John LePresti cooked up a storm, Rich Mulhern who donated the Wreath for the Ceremony and to Sean Hunt who played the Bagpipes. Thank you for your contribution and making this a special event.

**Let us always Remember and Honor those who served and those who gave their Lives for our Freedom.**

The food was delicious and especially the camaraderie of gathering with our neighbors to celebrate Memorial Day together. Thank you to the Activities Committee: Marilyn Sams, Nancy Holcomb, Alice French, Meredith Wiacek, Erik Pesina, Ryan Huffman and Carolyn Pierce. And to Cindy LePresti, Caroline Hunt, Stacy Firlik, Julie Mendenhall and many others who helped with setting up, assisting with the food and cleaning up. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a great community activity.





# BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY FAIR

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**  
**3:00 - 5:00 pm**

The Activities Committee is joining forces with the Community Safety Committee to bring you a Fun Activity for the whole Family!

Come meet the members of the North Collier Fire Department and their mascot dog TANK!

Hang out with the Corkscrew Elementary Youth Relations Deputy Matt

The CCSO Deputies providing pedestrian and bicycle safety tips!

We will also have:

Bounce House  
Food Trucks  
Corn Hole  
Hula Hoops  
and MORE!

## UPCOMING FALL EVENT

Greetings! The Activities Committee would like to announce plans for a half-day community group event at the Seminole Casino in Immokalee in November of 2023.

In order for this event to commence, it would require a minimum of 55 participants (Adults 21+) for transportation by Bus. We encourage you to invite your friends and family members to join us!

We kindly ask you to please complete this questionnaire, at the link below, so that we can get a tally of how many people would like to attend. Transportation will be provided via bus from the Clubhouse to the Casino and back for only \$20 per adult. Also, we ask that you please bring a 20% tip for the bus driver.

<https://wnnaples.com/waterways-community-casino-night/>

# LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Please check and adjust your irrigation if needed. We have received many complaints concerning residents' irrigation. Here is the [HOA Rules and Regulations](#) on irrigation:

## Irrigation is limited to 3 days per week.

Odd House Numbers: - Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from:  
12:00 AM to 6:00 AM.

Even House Numbers: -Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays from:  
12:00 AM to 6:00 AM.

**THESE ARE THE ONLY TIMES THAT WATERWAYS RESIDENTS ARE TO IRRIGATE  
THEIR PROPERTIES.**

**NO IRRIGATION ON FRIDAYS -IT IS PROHIBITED AND ENFORCED BY COLLIER COUNTY**

Pat Cicigna  
Landscape Committee Chair

## CEC

The Code Enforcement Committee meets the last Wednesday of each month.  
They meet at the Clubhouse at 6:30 pm.

## ARC

### Architechual Review Committee

Residents - The ARC meeting dates are posted on the Waterways Website and the Alliant Portal. Please remember you need approval for all projects related to the exterior of your home prior to work commencing. We would also like to remind residents to please send an email or inform the Alliant Assistant when the project is complete so we can perform the final inspection.

The next meeting is:

Wednesday, June 14th, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, July 12th, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 9th, 7:00 pm

Thank you and have a great summer!

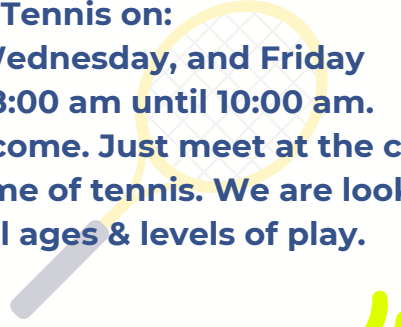
# OTHER ACTIVITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

## TENNIS

The Tennis Group will continue to play during the Summer months. So, come out and join us for a friendly game of Tennis on:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
Starting at 8:00 am until 10:00 am.

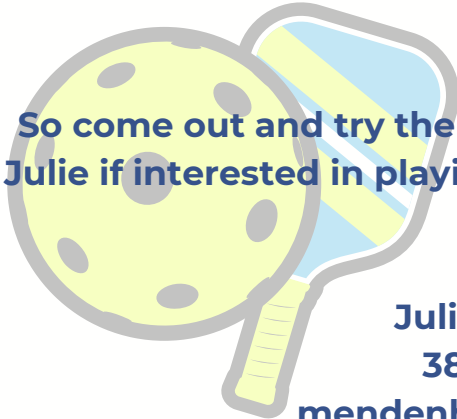
All skill levels are welcome. Just meet at the courts at 8:00 am for a fun game of tennis. We are looking for players of all ages & levels of play.



## PICKELBALL

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



Julie Mendenhall  
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## BINGO

The Board & the Bingo Committee are working on starting BINGO again in the Fall, so stay tuned for an update soon!



# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

In this NEW section we wish to highlight members of our community and their families accomplishments.

Awards, graduations, accomplishments and military service.  
Please email to: [activities@wnnaples.com](mailto:activities@wnnaples.com)



## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS 2023



- **Ryder Wiacek, Palmetto Ridge High School, Ryder will be employed at Valencia Golf and Country Club**
- **Nathan Pierce, Palmetto Ridge High School. Nathan has signed with the United States Navy.**



## COLLEGE GRADUATIONS FOR 2023



- **Madeleine C. Ally, Loyola University, Chicago - Cum Laude  
School of Arts and Science  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology  
Granddaughter of Marilyn P Sams, 904 Grand Rapids Blvd**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

## July 4th at Naples Botanical Garden


July 4, 2023

Enjoy free admission to Naples Botanical Garden as we celebrate the 4th of July!  
Summer hours of 8 am to 2 pm.



## 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.



## Naples Depot Museum

Explore Southwest Florida's railroad heritage at the Naples Depot Museum. Take a fun ride on the scale train on an outdoor track that weaves around the property. A few full-size train cars, and a multi-level miniature train display, are also on site. The train depot is a short walk from the Tamiami Trail / 5th Avenue South intersection. Nearby at Bayfront is the quirky Shane's Cabana Bar.

