# WATERWAYS WATCH NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2023

## WATERWAYS OFFICE HOURS

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

The office will be closed on the following dates for Thanksgiving Nov. 22nd - 28th Christmas Dec. 22-25th - Reopen Dec. 26th

Dec. 29th -Reopen Jan. 2nd

DATES AHEAD

MEERING

BOARD MEETINGS Tues. Nov. 14th, 7:00pm Tues. Dec. 12th, 7:00pm

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS Nov. 2nd 5:30 - 7:30pm Dec. 7th 5:00 - 7:00pm

ARC MEETINGS Wed. Nov. 1st, 7:00pm Tues. Nov.28th, 7:00pm Wed. Dec. 13th, 7:00pm CEC MEETINGS

Mon Dec.11th, 6:30pm

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

In this message, I will look back at the two years I have served as your President, and the critical accomplishments achieved by our Boards during that time. Our two Boards have worked tirelessly to accomplish many things -- some of which have been critical problems:

- Closed out County code violations on projects completed prior to Jan 2022: the speed humps, redesigned entrance fountain and electrical work at the gate houses. These matters actually took nearly two years to close.
- Completed inspection and repair of sidewalk trip hazards for entire community. In the past the practice was to fix a little at a time each year.
- Completed a restoration project to improve the surface and security at our storage lot.
- Commenced a tree care program. This began with tree trimming of the street trees and certain palms, and is continuing to develop a proactive, permanent solution to tree root problems that are damaging our sidewalks, gutters and streets.
- Adjusted our budget process to increase owner understanding regarding what projects are included in the reserves. The budget will include a supporting schedule that ties to each year's annual reserve contributions, and to the periodic Reserve Studies.
- Implemented a process to recover gate damages. The process involves a significant amount of time to capture event videos, create an event report, work with the CCSO, and bill insurance carriers when appropriate. We have been successful.
- Documented use of the gate and camera systems and created an office user guide where nothing existed from previous management.
  Implemented a digital storag system for permanent retention of HOA

documents. Upon entering office in 2022, we quickly learned that most older, important information, were lost by the former management companies.

- Created an office procedure manual to provide continuity of process when administrative staff and directors change. In all these years, this did not exist;
- Implemented a standardized communication process to ensure that email communication remains with the community as Directors leave their positions. In the past, personal email was being used, and that communication was generally lost.
- After countless years, brought the 39th Ave Wall to completion stage;
- Implemented a more professional landscape maintenance program that has produced visible improvements in a few short weeks;
- Implemented an improved process for review / approval of ARC Requests;
- Implemented an improved process for handling violations, implementing a suspension process where behavior is not corrected. We seek appropriate behavior, not fines;
- Investigated and inspected the storm water management systems of the community to insure they were functioning properly. There were many fears being spread due to our hurricane experiences, but we know our systems are working properly, and that the County watches and controls our water flows out of our lakes;

I realize this list seems long, and I could actually list more. I have had the privilege to lead two Boards that accomplished an immense number of improvements. And I dare to claim that our accomplishments exceeded those of any time in the past. I caution you that future Boards will need to do the same, as Waterways is an aging community -- with age comes more "health problems" needing attention.

Serving the community is a process with constant change. Some of the abovementioned items will continue to be refined, because the Board is not finished making improvements – that is what you elect them to do.

Finally, with this letter, I also offer my good bye. I have made the decision not to continue on the Board when my term ends. I have offered my personal

service to the community -- as your Treasurer for two years (2012 and 2013) and now as your President. It is time for new individuals to step forward to carry on the mission.

> Respectfully, Jeff Heverling President

### **ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE**

The Annual Meeting of HOA members has been scheduled for January 30, 2024 at 7pm. This date was chosen to avoid the holiday season and family and friends activities.

The First Notice of the Annual Meeting will be distributed to the membership 60 days before the meeting. It will contain the instructions for becoming a Candidate to be a Director. Two director positions will expire during the Annual Meeting. If there are more than two candidates for those positions, an election will be held.

The Second Notice of the Annual Meeting will contain the Applications and Resumes of the Candidates, a Proxy, a Ballot (if an election is necessary). Both Notices will be sent by USPS. Members who have submitted the necessary paperwork to receive electronic notices will receive these electronically. An Annual Meeting Committee is being formed to assist Alliant's staff with planning and conducting the meeting. If you would like to be part of this Committee, please contact the Clubhouse office (239- 353-6887) or by email to the manager,

waterways.admin@alliantproperty.com

#### **Candidates Forum**

January 11, 2024 has been reserved for a Candidates Forum or a Meet the Candidates event. We want everyone to have an opportunity to meet and ask questions of candidates in order to make an informed decision when it is time to vote. More information will be provided when we have clarity on potential candidates.

The Annual Meeting Committee

### LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Please ensure your irrigation schedule is within the Collier County Irrigation ordinance and WW HOA guidelines. 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

Please remember not to water when children are walking to school. No watering after 6am.

It's time to fertilize shrubs, plants, and palm trees. The University of Florida suggests using the 8-2-12 4mg fertilizer formulation. They also suggest using slow-release nitrogen. The micronutrients are a necessity for palm health. Please review the following fact sheet. FERTILIZER FORMULATION

Although the recommendation is for palm trees, the University of Florida suggests the 8-2-12 4mg be used on all landscape plants.

Please remember that Collier County bans the use of phosphorus unless a soil sample indicates your yard is deficient in phosphorus. The fertilizer formulation in Collier County is 8-0-12 4mg. Please remember not to fertilize if heavy rains are expected.

his is the time to prune, rejuvenate and replace your landscape and shrubs and plants. Plants should be pruned before any potential cold snaps. Remember to apply to the ARC committee for approval before any landscape changes.

> Thank you, Pat Cicigna Landscape Committee

### **ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

As we near the end of 2023 our committee wants to thank the community for supporting our events this year. Food Truck Thursday's, scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, brings the community together to socialize and a chance to make new acquaintances.

We are in the planning stages of events for 2024. Some of the Events we are planning are:

Saturday Morning Brunch Super Bowl Party with John LoPresti Kid's Movie Night Under the Stars Garage Sale Easter Egg Hunt Al Fresca Adult Movie Night Memorial Day Cook Out

If you would like to join our committee or have ideas for an event, please email to:

activities@wwnaples.com

We wish our Waterways Community a Happy Thanksgiving Happy Hanukkah Merry Christmas Happy New Year

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**



#### DECEMBER Annual Santa Parade & Party! Sunday, December 3rd 2:00 pm

The North Collier Fire Department and Santa and Mrs. Claus will drive their Fire Truck down Grand Rapids Blvd., ONLY, to greet the children of Waterways.

> (NOTE: the Fire Truck will ONLY be driving down this year) 2:30 pm

The Fire Truck and and Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive back at the Clubhouse. Bring your Christmas List with your name and address to put into "Santa's Letter Box".

Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus



Beverages and snacks along with a Christmas Craft for al



#### **HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST**

Get out your lights, your reindeers, angels and snowflakes and decorate the outside of your house for the holidays.

For your house to be in the judging contest you must REGISTER at the link below by December 17th.

The homes will be judged on:

LIGHTING, CREATIVITY, TECHNICAL,

DIFFICULTY, EXTRA EFFECTS AND

#### **OVERALL APPEARANCE**

Judging will be held after dark on

Wednesday, December 20 th, Rain Date December

21 sr.

Register your house at the link below:

https://wwnaples.com/christmas-decorating-contest-rsvp/

### WATERWAYS CARES

For the holidays this season, WATERWAYS CARES will be trying something different. We have reached out to Corkscrew Elementary School and asked if we can " ADOPT" a family or two this year. Mr. Lyberg, the guidance counselor, will be giving us more information in the coming weeks.

We anticipate that we will be given "wish lists" for families in need, and then we will give out the suggestions to Waterways residents who wish to participate..

#### **STAY TUNED FOR AN UPDATE!**





### CEC

The Code Enforcement Committee meets the second Monday of each month.

This is a new schedule for their meetings. They meet at the Clubhouse at 6:30 pm.

> Monday,Nov. 13th Monday, December 11th



### ARC

**Architural 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.

This INCLUDES ALL CHANGES TO LANDSCAPING AND REQUEST FOR TREE REMOVAL.

All forms must be submitted before work begins. Forms available at the Clubhouse or on the Alliant Portal.

After approval, we remind residents to

send an email or inform the Alliant Assistant when the project is complete so we can perform the final inspection.

The next meeting dates are: Wednesday, November 1st, 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 28th, 7:00 pm Wednesday, December 13th, 7:00 pm

### OTHER ACTIVITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### **TENNIS**

The Tennis Group invites WW residents to 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. We are looking for players of all ages & levels.

#### PICKELBALL

All residents can enjoy this family fun activity. There are two nets that can be assembled easily and placed the west court. Anyone who wants to play or form a group, send an email to the address below with days and times available. We will contact you on a time to play. activities@wwnaples.com

Marilyn

#### BINGO

The Board & the Bingo Committee has not decided on when BINGO will start again. Stay tuned for an update!

> 80 **Q Q WAHJONG** Join us on Mondays at 12:30 to play!

### **COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS**

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

We welcome new neighbors to Waterways.

Send me your info to share, wether from out of state, part time residents or relocating to Waterways.

Let us hear about Awards, graduations, birth announcement or accomplishments and military service.

Please email to: activities@wwnaples.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

#### 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 2023 Annual Christmas Parade will be on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 pm

The Parade begins at 11th Avenue South and will proceed north on 3rd Street to 5th Avenue South and east on 5th Avenue South to 8th Street South. The parade will proceed south on 8th Street South and will end at 11th Avenue South.

> Hanukkah Friday, December 8, Hanukkah Day 1 Menorah Lighting Light 2 lights on the Menorah before 5:18 PM