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Royal Harbor PILOT final edition

This issue marks the end of publication for the Royal Harbor Pilot. As a means of economizing and to take advantage of more timely communication techniques your Board has voted to discontinue publication of the newsletter and to rely on electronic methods such as e-mail and the Internet. Much that you will read in this issue has already been distributed to members by e-mail and/or has been posted to our website www.royalharborassociation.org. More information about the site on page three of this issue.

President's Message

This was a good year in Royal Harbor. We purchased and installed the security cameras and brought the home break-in crisis to a halt. We had a great Halloween block Party last month and a pretty memorable rained-out picnic last March. We had Tarpon Road repaved and it surely needed it. We were able to get 7 new street lights installed along Snook and Kingfish. We worked with the city to get the tree replacement program into our area and had many trees planted. Most of these things happened because we have an active Association that lobbies the City Staff and City Council. Your \$50 per year dues pays for everything, including the directories.

Wow! 12 new house starts or renovations by my count. This is a great sign that Royal Harbor is coming out of the housing recession. Hopefully the slide in values will now stop, stabilize and slowly begin to recover. Something to be thankful about during Thanksgiving.

Recycle bins. Now that we have the new bins, you need to see what goes in them. Do not put the plastic grocery bags and items listed on the bin top in them. These will not recycle and if, when they are off loading, the people at the plant find them, then the whole truckload has to be hauled and dumped in the garbage pit. So instead of us getting paid, we have to pay. Look at the papers you got with the bin and also on the lid.

Your garbage can is still the same. The city continues to have 2 day a week back door pickup. Continue this as always.

You may have noticed the plants that were in the medians and in from of the monuments are gone. These never took off so the city has agreed to replant with other flowers. It should look better. Thanks to Maureen Minker for her efforts to get this done.

I am putting a Flyer box on my porch for any of you who wish to drop off your Royal Harbor renewal application and your \$50 check. (made to Royal Harbor Homeowners Association) So I don't have to be there if you want to just drop it off. (1750 Sandpiper, on the corner of Sandpiper and Marlin.) An application has been provided as page four of this newsletter..

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(President's Message, cont.)

The new Tree replacement program has some worried that the new palms are dying. I was told this is a normal reaction, stress, to the replanting. The trees are guaranteed for the first year.

Many of you have seen the news article in the paper regarding lights on 5th Ave. At the presidents council yesterday this was discussed. The council members present and Bill Moss stated they are not trying to dampen the Holiday festivities and were concerned the media was using this situation to make a news story.. the aim is to get the street, 5th Ave., back to a more uniformed "classy" venue. The feeling is that when each store front does their own thing, and each tries to outblast the next, pretty soon we get a carnival look. this is not what the designers of the street were going for. The City code is pretty explicit in the things allowed. Our 5th avenues is one of the most recognized and well known exclusive shopping and dining streets in the USA and this we need to keep.

Bill Moss assured us, and it was reinforced by the council members present, that there will not be a big removal effort as we enter into the Christmas season. BUT, next year there will be a more exact code and it will be enforced. They also said that they would seek input from the community and merchants. I felt better hearing this and think we should give them the benefit of the doubt for now.

If you want to weigh in on this the email for the City Council members and the Mayor is Citycouncil@Naplesgov.com

Terry Forshier, President, Royal Harbor Association

Civic Improvement and Beautification

Tree Replacement Project Complete

Royal Harbor got trees replaced faster than originally expected! Because of a federal tree grant that the City of Naples applied for and received, Royal Harbor was able to receive their batch of replacement trees much earlier than expected. (We were not expecting this project to start until sometime next year.) Approximately one hundred trees that were within the city right-of-way areas that were missing due to disease/past hurricanes, etc. were replaced in October. Many thanks to the city for choosing Royal Harbor to be the recipient of this grant money! As a result, we received our trees quicker and without using a penny of city funds!

Tree Trimming Complete

When it rains, it pours, and as luck would have it, Florida Power and Light scheduled their tree trimming project right about the time that the City was working on the above tree replacement project! As such, we had lots of activity in Royal Harbor last month due to both projects going on at the same time. Happily both projects are now complete. One unfortunate item – you may have noticed that Florida Power and Light employees are not the most aesthetically-sensitive trimmers. For this reason, we had several brutal hackings during this project, which we brought to FP&L's attention.

FYI – for anyone with complaints about FP&L's tree trimming, please contact them directly (and not the City of Naples).

Street Paving Complete

Paving by the City on Tarpon Road was completed in September. We will be reviewing the roads in Royal Harbor again in the new year and forwarding our recommendations to the City for paving work next summer.

Royal Harbor Signs Refreshed

Many thanks to the following Association members for pressure-washing the stucco signs and repainting the wooden sign: Johnny Nocera, Terry Forshier, Nancy Bunnell, and Dave Gardner. Awesome work!

Waterways Committee

The Dredging project for East Naples Bay residents has been stalled basically due to a moratorium against certain types of mitigation, signed into law by our friend Gov. Charlie Christ. Unfortunately, this does not go away when he does, so the district has been forced to examine and permit alternative means of mitigation. This section of the permitting should be completed by year's end and the project should be going to the contract phase in the Spring.

Around the Neighborhood

Royal Harbor Annual Meeting Venue Change

Scheduling difficulties with the Norris Center, have required re-locating the Association's Annual meeting. The meeting will be held in early January at **Naples Bay Resort**. Exact date and time have not been set, so watch your e-mail and the web site **www.royalharborassociation.org** for further information.

Goblins and monsters report

Halloween showed up in Royal Harbor bigger and better than ever. Each year we have more trick or treaters'. Each year their bags get fuller and fuller of treats. The adults seem to look forward to the event as much as the little ones. Each year brings our neighborhood a little closer together. Think we can make it even bigger and better and more fun for all next year?????????
(Check photos on RH web site)

There was not enough interest in the garage sale to have the event this coming January or February. It will be on the schedule for 2012.

Christmas Lights Alert

Its time to get those Christmas decorations out and make our neighborhood look happy. There will be another contest this year with prize money but we have made a few changes on the awards. Look for the details in an e-mail. Was glad to see that some really put in a big effort last year. Who said you can't look like Christmas in Florida?

Royal Harbor Communication Joins the 21st Century

Exciting new features are coming to the Royal Harbor Web Site. Our Service Provider, Naples Free-Net, is providing many new capabilities as part of a major changeover for the non-profit organizations they service.

Our entire site is being re-programmed, and will have a completely different look. The new system, being easier to work with, will allow for more timely, up-to-date posting of information of interest to Royal Harbor residents, and, particularly, Association members.

The really exciting part of the change is the addition of new capabilities. For the first time, we'll be able to add audio-visual features. Such things as videos of Royal Harbor events, audio messages and connecting with services like *You Tube*, *Twitter*, *Facebook* and the like are all possibilities. RSS feeds from important information sources are also possible. A current link to Shutterfly for this year's Halloween photos gives a hint of what's possible.

The whole thrust of this makeover is to make the Royal Harbor site more useful, informative, and at the same time, entertaining so viewers keep coming back.

Our site is **www.royalharborassociation.org**. Check it out. Scroll down the "Home" page to see what we mean.



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Children's names _____

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Phone Numbers _____

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Emergency Phone number _____

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