



The *Royal Harbor* PILOT ASSOCIATION

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President's Message - -

The Association - Why you should join/renew

When people ask me about the Royal Harbor Association, the first question many ask is "Well what do you do?" Here is my answer...

Take a little stroll and visualize in your mind with me. First, turn off 41 on to Sandpiper Street. What do you see? You see two beautiful fountains and monuments, landscaped parks, bench seats and walkways. It was not too many years ago this was a dreary entrance with an old strip mall on the East. When the developer offered to do this project in connection with Naples Bay Resort, your association worked vigorously to get him and the city council to agree to these entrances and the landscaping down Sandpiper that went along with it. Without our influence this would not look like this.

Drive on down past Jewel Box and you will see the first monument announcing the entrance to Royal Harbor. Further down, at [Dolphin Road](#), we have another entrance, a monument and landscaping, and driving on down you see the main entrance with the [monument](#), Flagpole and the center median that is landscaped. We supply the flag and make sure Old Glory is there to greet us and our visitors as you drive in. The median that extends down Marlin was initiated by our board. We petitioned the council to get this as a safety issue. The entrance lighting, along with the Christmas lighting, and security cameras and their maintenance are paid for out of your dues. Our volunteer members keep the monuments clean and the curbs painted.

Keep going, and as you drive through the area, notice there are no cement swales. These were all replaced with grass for environmental reasons. Each street has a rotary at the end. Each of these has been carefully landscaped and maintained. Our board worked with the council and staff to get these redone a few years ago.

Over the last few years we petitioned the city to resurface some of our roads. Each year we survey these and recommend areas that need it most and petition the city to use their diminishing funds here. We have had Tarpon done and the little roads off Kingfish done in the past few years.

You may notice our stop signs get refurbished every few years, and we have asked for, and received, any number of new street lights in



President's Message, continued

the area. Our association petitioned for these and we were able to get this done. You may also know we were instrumental in the tree replacement program for all the roads in Royal Harbor. We initiated this program but in the end it was funded through a state grant and not your pocket book.

We have worked for years for a [maintenance](#) dredge of our canals. This is now nearly finished and the rocks that have been here in the canals since they were first dug are slowly being removed. We funded this by petitioning the city council to fund the project through our East Naples Taxing District.

Our association also organizes special resident events and none more favorably received than our Halloween parade. Here you can see community in action. We also have community-sponsored garage sales, a community picnic and other events. We were instrumental in the Resident Club Card program and each household that becomes a member gets the discount card. It provides discounts in stores and restaurants in the city. This alone is worth your membership.

We were used as the pilot project for Naples in the large rolling recycle bins now in use, a big jump from carrying out the old plastic box to the street.

We compile a Royal Harbor directory of residents, collect dues, publish the booklet and distribute it to all members so you can know your neighbors' first name and names of their children. Our membership percentage is the highest in Naples.

If we have your email address, we send out Royal Harbor Updates nearly every week. These are brief reports on issues in the city that affect our community. If you miss them, you can log onto our website at www.royalharborassociation.org and see them reprinted there

We have an online newsletter, the [Pilot](#). You may be reading it now. This is where our committees tell you their progress in making this a better community.

Many times your board members drag themselves out of bed and drive to city hall to speak for this community. They spend countless hours in meetings, neighborhood groups, and writing email to council and the city staff. They do this because they, like you, want to live in the best community they possibly can. Every one of these people is a volunteer.

I am sure there are many things I have not mentioned but you can see we are an active group. Please support us and ask your neighbor join up, too.

**Terry Forshier
President Royal Harbor Homeowners Association**

Association Committees Who we are, What we do

Civic Improvement and Beautification Committee - Maureen Minker, Chair

Street Repaving 2013: Our committee forwarded the City of Naples our recommendations for streets in Royal Harbor that should be considered for repaving this year: Dolphin Road, Bonita Lane and Court, Mullet Lane and Court, Dolphin Lane and Court. We are also discussing repaving on Sandpiper (most especially south of Marlin) with Collier County, who has responsibility for the maintenance of this road.

Burying Utilities in Royal Harbor: Our committee will be gathering information about burying Royal Harbor's power lines. We will coordinate with the city and other city neighborhoods that have had this work done and will present information to association members later this year for their review and comment.

Waterways Committee - Dave Gardner, Chair

Our committee insures that waterways in Royal Harbor remain navigable for recreational use by all of our residents.

We are represented on the East Naples Bay advisory Committee which is currently involved in Phase II of the dredging [project](#). After this writing we find that this project is now deferred until 2014 for various reasons. This phase is intended to remove about 1500 cubic yards of rock. Work could start in May and end in December. More later.

Questions and concerns about Royal Harbor waterways should be directed to any member of the Waterway committee.

Community Involvement - Nancy Lockwood , Chair We started the Halloween [Parade](#) and it seems to be the big event for our neighborhood. Have since added the semi-annual garage sale. That will take place this coming January or February. The RCC [discount](#) card is something that Pat Patterson and I work on and hopefully you are using your card. Just check the back of your card and go on line for a list of merchants. We have been promoting Christmas decorating and really hope that it gets better. With the help of Teresa Doane we have a new and hopefully special event we are going to try the first of December.

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Publications and Website - Ed Thieme, Chair

In addition to frequent email reports from the President, the Association uses two other media to keep membership informed: the Pilot newsletter and an Internet website. The Pilot, first published as a single typewritten sheet in 1968, has grown to the electronically distributed newsletter you are reading. The Spring and Fall editions serve as an update of significant events.

The website, <http://www.royalharborassociation.org> is a continuing source of Royal Harbor information, including a blog (the "home" page) of the President's updates and information of interest to residents, including By-Laws, selected City/County regulations, copies of past newsletters, neighborhood event photos as well as links to other information sources.

Legislative and Public Affairs - Terry Green, Chair

Actions and regulations of governing bodies at the City, County, State and Federal level can have an impact on local residents. It is the function of this committee to remain apprised of changes in this area which may effect Royal Harbor and keep the Board informed for any possible action.

Membership and Directories - Don Miller, Chair

Each year the Association publishes a directory of member names and addresses as well as street by street listings of all addresses and owners. The committee also organizes and monitors periodic membership drives.

Grievance - John Nocera/Fred Hoffman Co-chair

Problems relating to zoning, infractions of community rules and the like should be brought to the attention of this committee for referral to appropriate government departments or agencies.

Finance and Audit Dave Gardner, Chair

Good business/organization practices and the IRS.. (We are a 501 C(3) non-profit organization) call for annual audits of finances. This committee has the responsibility to see that we are in compliance with both.

Neighborhood Watch Al Sneed, Chair

It has not been necessary, so far, to organize a formal Neighborhood Watch program. That time may come, if local crime and vandalism rates increase. In the interim, the chair of this committee has been active in enlisting the informal aid of residents walking their pets or exercising to keep an eye on their neighborhood and report suspicious activity. Or things warranting investigation.

Liaison with Governing bodies and Outside Organizations

The Association Board maintains an ongoing relationship with a number of community entities. The President is a member of and attends meetings of the Council of Association Presidents. Exchanging views on similar problems is an important function. Our monthly Board meetings are regularly attended by the City's representative Dave Lykins. Dave keeps us informed on actions of the City Council and frequently brings experts such as the City Arborist, to keep us informed and advise when resident action is necessary or advised.

The Association Annual Meeting has regularly been attended by the Mayor and City Council members who provided status updates on local matters.

The Monthly Board meetings are also attended by representatives of the Naples Police Department. Officer Tyrone Davis, our current community officer, provides an update on crimes and vandalism in our area. He provides advice on safety and follows up on anything detected by our security cameras. Extra patrols are scheduled when warranted. The continuing low crime rate in our area is a positive result of cooperation between Royal Harbor and the police.



ROYAL HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name(s)

Children's names _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers _____

(cells) _____

Emergency Phone number _____

E Mail address_(s)

Send mail to _____

Please return this entire form to and your \$50 check to Royal Harbor Homeowners Association to

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