

The

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**President's Message**

Royal Harbor is a wonderful place and as we start seeing the return of many residents and tourists fill the streets we must remember that person driving slowly along the street may well be looking to be your next neighbor. We all will be celebrating so please remember your neighbors across the canal can hear your music and parties at night so be respectful. Real Estate sales are up and new housing starts are popping up all through the neighborhood. Sale prices are low but Real Estate is moving again. This can only mean a better future.

Boaters can feel happy that the dredging program is well underway and around the first of the year we will be seeing the muck dredge in our Canals. this will be followed by the rock dredge and by summer we will have the project completed.

On the political side we will have a new Mayor in 2012 as John Sorey is elected by default since no one ran opposing him. John has been a good friend of Royal Harbor, has attended most of our neighborhood picnics and events and has voted consistently in favor of Royal Harbor projects. He will be filling big shoes as mayor Barnett leaves office. However, Bill is running for a seat on the council so if you liked his administration you can vote for his continued presence.

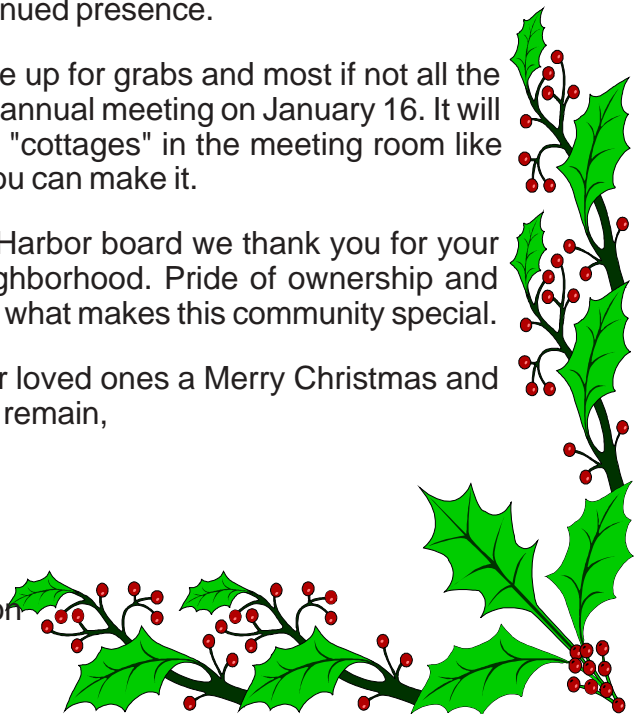
Several council seats are up for grabs and most if not all the candidates will be at our annual meeting on January 16. It will be at the Naples Resort "cottages" in the meeting room like last year. 7 PM. I hope you can make it.

Speaking for the Royal Harbor board we thank you for your contributions to the neighborhood. Pride of ownership and being a good neighbor is what makes this community special.

Wishing you and all your loved ones a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season, I remain,

Terry Forshier, President,

Royal Harbor Association



## **Late note from Terry:**

Also, for those with homes for sale. I am to remind you the Naples code enforcement has asked us to comply to one sign per lot and there is a specific set back from the road. No arrow signs permitted in the City.

## **Around the Neighborhood**

Sure hope you have your Resident Club Card discount card in your wallet and are using it. The new cards were distributed some weeks ago. The Resident Club Card program now has virtually every homeowner's

Association in Naples participating. The RCC official web site is now open and running at [www.RCCNaples.com](http://www.RCCNaples.com). They are always adding new restaurants and merchants so I would suggest that from time to time you check their site. The listing there of participating merchants includes addresses phone numbers and in some cases even links to their websites.



## **The Security Cameras**

What is success? In this case, it is when nothing happens. We have not had a break-in in Royal Harbor since the cameras have been installed.

When the Royal Harbor Board was determining if the cost of the cameras was worth it, we had multiple instances that would have been prevented by this simple addition. But the cost was significant. The Board discussed alternatives such as dummy cameras, to actually installing working cameras, but the legal and other issues indicated they were not valid options. We also had other Royal Harbor needs of similar costs that needed to be addressed. The primary one was the landscaping of the streets in Royal Harbor. Thanks to the generosity of the City of Naples, the primary alternative to the money to be spent, landscaping, was satisfied. So we decided to implement the cameras. This project was implemented when we had accumulated sufficient funds from your dues to complete it and sufficient funding in the future to support its maintenance. It was money well spent.



*Editors note: although the record of having no break-ins since the security cameras were installed is one we can be happy about we should not become complacent. As recently as December 1 some break-ins of cars parked in peoples driveways was reported. Hopefully the camera record will provide some clues as to who the culprits were. In the meantime our community police officer Tyrone urges that if your car is parked in the driveway it should be locked and we should continue to exercise appropriate cautions about our homes.*

## **Royal Harbor Communication Joins the 21st Century**

This headline first appeared last spring when we announced the revamping of our website. It applies as well to this issue of the Pilot newsletter. producing printed copies of the pilot results in a considerable expense to your Association. To reduce these costs your board has voted to publish the pilot on our website and to limit printed copies to those few residents who don't have access to a computer. So if you are reading this from a paper copy that you are likely to be one of those few who has yet to move into the 21st century. if you have a friend with a computer you should check out our site at [www.Royal Harbor Association.ORG](http://www.RoyalHarborAssociation.ORG). you may be surprised at the wealth of Royal Harbor information available perhaps enough to make you want to get your own computer. Your Association president routinely sends out information on things that are happening in Naples that are of interest to Royal Harbor. Much of this appears as well on the Royal Harbor website. The item below is a sample of some of the material you may be missing.

### **Here is a short summary of the continuing problems the city has with taxes from the general fund used on county projects.**

In general, as the county builds more roads, they seek a greater portion of the gas tax revenue, which leaves less gas tax revenue for city road maintenance (\$430,000 less). Here is the rub--In using county, General Fund, ad valorem to help build roads in rural areas, the Naples property owner not only pays up to 25% of the rural bill but a situation is created in which the city in turn loses gas tax revenue because those roads add to maintenance costs. However, because the roads were partly built with city property owner tax money, we (Naples), get hit twice. Kind of like storm water. We pay for the city projects and we pay for the rural, county projects, because the county bills storm water as, General Fund, ad valorem, to tax the high valued Naples and Marco Island.

### **Royal Harbor Annual Meeting**

There is a big appreciation event scheduled at the Ritz for Mayor Barnett on the 17th of Jan. this is when we were going to have our annual meeting. To avoid a schedule conflict, we have now rescheduled our meeting to Monday the 16th. 7 PM.

The date and place for the annual Meeting will now be **Monday January 16 at the Naples Bay Resort "cottages" meeting room.** (same as last year) 7 PM.



### **Royal Harbor Association Membership**

### **Annual Meeting, 2010**

Association Treasurer and Membership Chair Mike Kehoe reports that as of December 3 120 people as signed up for 2012 and submitted their membership dues. The sooner we can get the membership complete, the sooner we can publish the annual directory. additional application forms are available on the website If you received a paper copy of the pilot an application was included. You are urged to fill it in and send it in with your check for membership as soon as possible.

**East Naples Bay Dredging Project**

**Overview**

Canals in Oyster Bay, Golden Shores and Royal Harbour will be dredged to 5.0 feet *MLW to within 10 feet of the seawall* . Rocks will be removed after dredging. the \$2.3 million project started on August 2011 on Curlew canal and is proceeding south.

**Status**

The project is running well ahead of schedule due to the fact that the contractor can operate 12 hours per day, seven days per week. The contractor notifies each resident along the canal by letter prior to starting work on each canal turbidity curtains are placed across the canal opening during the dredging. Residents wishing to use their boat during the dredging should relocate their vessel out of the canal for the short time their canal is being dredged.

**Private dock and lift dredging**

Residents desiring dredging under their dock or lift must contract directly with the contractor. Private dredging is being done concurrently with each canal dredging so residents must each reach agreement with the contractor prior to the completion of work within their canal

The entire project should be completed by July 2012



**Dredging Equipment**

**Civic Improvement and Beautification**

**Christmas Lights**

As we have done in the past few years, we are going to have another Christmas Decorating Contest for those of you that like to decorate. We hope we have as many people or even more than last year. Our mayor, Bill Barnett, will be the official judge. First place \$100.00, Second place \$75.00 and Third place \$50.00.

Would like to thank Harry and Alison Zea for the decorations on the Marlin entrance. They provided all the lights and their time to do such a professional job for us all to enjoy.

**Royal Harbor Garage Sale**

Garage Sale for Royal Harbor will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 from 9AM to noon. This event has always brought a lot of buyers and lookers to our sale. In the past years we have had over 30 houses participating. Last garage sale we had maps marking all the houses that were participating. It seemed to help the houses that were on the side streets and at the end of each street. We will definitely plan to do the same this year. Will be sending out an application by e-mail the end of January.



ROYAL HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION .....2011

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Terry Forshier....1750 Sandpiper St.....Naples .... Florida..34102

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