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## President's Message - -

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Everyone I know is hoping for a good season in SW Florida this year. It does appear that Black Friday was successful here and hopefully the city of Naples and its residents will be in store for a healthy and prosperous year. It appears the city council has a good grasp on the financial well-being of our town, and that, combined with the city managers ability to pare down expenses, should keep Naples the Jewel of South West Florida.

In Royal Harbor we are additionally blessed to be a subdivision where every resident has full access to Naples Bay and to the Gulf. For this reason we need to be vigilant in watching upcoming decisions that will be made concerning boat speeds, sea wall repair and retention, management of the waterways and dredging projects throughout the area. All these, and more, directly affect our quality of life in Royal Harbor.

During my tenure as president I have strived to keep each of you informed in these areas and in the workings of the city that directly affect our pocket books and our quality of life. Using the Royal Harbor updates and email follow ups I think we have made a difference in many of the decisions the council has made.

I am thankful that my vision is also the same as the members of our Board. The men and women on our Association board are quietly doing the many jobs that insure you can enjoy the lifestyle that you have come to expect. You would be surprised if you knew how many meetings and how much time many of us dedicate to this community.

As a measure of our success, we boast the highest percentage of membership of any Homeowner association subdivision in the city. We are well over 75% and still annually growing. Each of you can also be an ambassador for Royal Harbor.

You can spread the information we send to your friends in other areas of town, you can seek out new neighbors and tell them that to get in the know they should become members, and lastly, speak out to council and to decision makers when you have opinions. This is one arena where your voice and vote does make a difference.

Terry Forshier

## Civic Improvement and Beautification - Maureen Minker, Chair

Paving by the city of the side streets off Kingfish Road was completed in October. Shad, Trout, Cobia, Wahoo, and Tuna all were resurfaced this year. The committee will be reviewing the roads in Royal Harbor in the new year and will again forward our recommendations to the city for paving work next summer.

We have received several queries as to the selection process and schedules for paving. Our committee reviews the streets and submits recommendations to the city. Final choice of streets and schedule is made by City Engineering working from a prioritized list for the entire city. The work is contracted to an outside firm and timing can be affected by such things as emergency work and available budget.



It's not all mechanized!



Traffic can be impeded!

### Holiday Decoration Thank You!

Many thanks to Harry and Allison Zee for putting up the Christmas decorations at both entrances to Royal Harbor! For the second year in a row, our entrances look ready for the holidays thanks to their hard work! Thanks again for another spectacular job!

## Neighborhood Security

Our security cameras have been in operation for more than two years. There is no doubt that they have been an effective deterrent to crime in our neighborhood. We still have burglaries - four since last April according to Officer Davis, but the cameras do their job. In one case, the City detective reported *"The suspect vehicle was a white 2012 BMW X5 (SUV). Thanks to your camera system, I have the tag information and found that it is registered out of Miami."*



Nevertheless, we shouldn't become complacent. Locked doors, particularly sliders, which Officer Davis reports are the most frequent point of entry for burglars. Being aware of what's going on in the neighborhood is another important security measure. If you see activities that are suspicious, individuals who look out of place, call the Police, and report it. They'd rather send a cruiser with no results than miss some criminal activity.

And remember, door-to-door solicitation is illegal in the city and should be reported.

## Coming Events- December

07 Pearl Harbor Day  
Fly Your Flag!



Christmas Lights Competition



25 Christmas



January

Royal Harbor Annual Meeting



## .RCC Cards Program Continues.

Once again we will be giving out the RCC discount card to all Royal Harbor Association members. To get a current list of participating merchants you can go to their web site [www.RCCNaples.com](http://www.RCCNaples.com). The web site is also on



the back of your RCC card. We encourage you to use it. Because the price of the cards have gone up you will be receiving one card and a key fob for each family after the first of the year. The cost of the initial card is being covered by your Association's Treasury. If you need an additional card they can be purchased at a small price.

## Royal Harbor Christmas Home Decorating Competition

Again this year the Royal Harbor Homeowners association will be having a home Christmas decorating contest. It is open to all members of the Homeowners Association and this year the judges will be our own neighborhood Police Officer Tyrone Davis and his daughter.



They will drive through the neighborhood and pick out their favorites as First, Second and Third. Gift Certificates and an award will be given at the Annual Meeting in January.

Let's all have a nice Christmas display!

*(It's already looking like Christmas at our entrances. See Maureen Minker's report.)*



## Waterways Committee - Dave Gardner, Chair

### East Naples Bay Dredging, Current Status

In July 2011 a contract in the amount of \$2.3 million was awarded for the dredging of sediments and removal of rock to the depth of 5.5 ML W. The settlement portion of the project has been completed. Also, private dock dredging has been completed. However there is more work to do in the rock removal portion.

About 1000 cubic yd. of rock need to be removed. The city of Naples website [Naplesgov.com](http://Naplesgov.com) [shows](#) where the project stands it also shows what canals still have the need for further rock removal (shown in yellow)

The city is considering ways to move forward with remaining rock removal completion date is not been determined.

### Some History From Earlier in the Project . . .



Tedious and Tight !



After Dredging,gotta be moved !



Barge Springs a leak!



Mishaps Occur!

### **From the City report:** February 29, 2012

SteMic Marine Construction, the subcontractor for Energy Resources responsible for rock removal and mechanical dredging, had an accident on February 29th while dredging in Canal C-C (between Bluefin Ct. and Snook Dr.) in Royal Harbor. Their 30-ton excavator slid off the dredge barge into the water damaging a wooden dock. No injuries occurred. Within minutes after the accident three oil containment booms were placed across the canal and the dredge was encircled with a boom to contain oil. To further aid with the environmental response, SeaTow's Oil Response Team was onsite to handle the cleanup of the oil, diesel, and hydraulic fluid contained in the booms. All of the oil was contained to the back end of the canal and removed. The excavator was extracted from the canal by a 150-ton crane around 6pm.

Stemic Marine's emergency response plan was executed very effectively with the assistance of SeaTow and the Naples Police and Fire Departments. The cooperation of adjacent property owners was also very instrumental in cleanup and recovery efforts. SteMic is working directly with residents affected to coordinate dock repairs and landscaping restoration at no cost to the City, residents, or the East Naples Bay Taxing District. The City expects that there will be NO delay in the overall construction schedule.