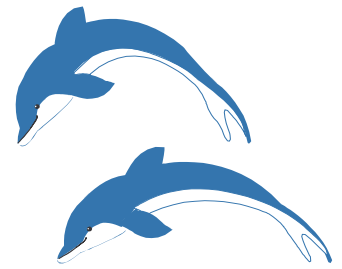




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**FROM THE  
PRESIDENT'S PEN**



**Dear Neighbors and Friends,**

I wish to add my thanks along with many others to Chris Yanson, Tammy Kipp and Doug Newman for their many years of service to the MPOA Board of Governors. All have made many contributions that have benefited this community. I especially want to thank Doug Newman, who was my mentor when I first began, and to thank him ,too, as a second-generation member of the Board. Both of Doug's parents served on the MPOA Board. Our community has been most fortunate to have this family's dedication.

Our Annual Meeting at the park was delightful! Many thanks to all of you who attended. It was a beautiful afternoon and having our new City Manager, Bill Moss, and Mayor, Bill Barnett with us was an added bonus.

Be sure to read Doug Finlay's article in the newsletter about what is going on in the City. Many decisions are going to be made that will affect the Moorings. Doug, Bill Kroeschell and I are keeping close watch and doing what we can to advocate for what we feel is best for our community. It is always good to have new faces at City Hall. Should anyone care to join us in these efforts, please contact any of us at the above phone numbers or e-mail addresses.

The park is close to being done, and what a lovely place it is! Linda Black has done a wonderful job, and again thanks to all of you that have helped to make this happen.

Be sure that you have all of your cars with stickers on them, as the guards are getting many people coming to the Park that are not residents. The beaches are at a premium now that season has started, and beach access is miserable for those who do not live close by. Please be patient with the guards, they have a big job for the next two months.

We want to welcome our new board member, Joe Moran, who has already begun to update our website. We make every attempt to contact you by e-mail if there is something that you must know on an immediate basis, but be sure to check the website for other happenings as well. You can find us at MPOA.org. It is a busy time. There are many visitors coming to Naples for the next few months. We hope you enjoy your guests and families and look forward to seeing you at the park!

*Linda Penniman—President*

**Announcing our  
2nd Annual  
Sunset Party**



**Tuesday, April 29,**

**at our beautiful beach park,  
starting at 6:00 PM and ending at sunset.**

**We are asking each couple to bring  
an hors d'oeuvre to share.**

**Please bring your own chair, so that you  
will be comfortable. Come to enjoy the  
company of your fellow MPOA members  
and Moorings residents  
and the beautiful sunset.**

**The cost is \$10 per person. Clip out the  
coupon on page 3 and send it with your  
check or pay at the door.**

**Volunteers to help are always appreciated.**

**Comprehensive Plan Review**

**There will be an important meeting to  
update the City's Comprehensive Plan at  
the Moorings Presbyterian Church, Room A  
at 7:00 —8:00 PM Tuesday, April 8. We will  
be joined by representatives of the Crayton  
Road Association and the Harbour Drive  
and Gulf Shore Condominium Association  
in discussing the comprehensive plan and  
updating it for the Moorings area. All our  
members are welcome  
and urged to attend.**

There are a few Moorings Beach Park  
shirts and caps left.

Please call Ned Kendall at 403-7849  
to place an order!





## BEACH



The landscape project is now almost complete. We have been waiting for the beach sunflowers to gain some size before being transplanted. By the time you receive this newsletter, they should be happily blowing in the beach breezes at the park! It's been a long journey but it is almost finished. The gazania by the flagpole are bright and cheery, as well as the plantings in the new planter under the bulletin board. The palm trees are starting to send out new fronds and the gumbo limbos are still in a little bit of transplant shock but should start leafing out soon. The new live oak is doing very well. There is a new addition in the corner of the entrance -- a silk floss tree. Next year it will bear loads of beautiful pink blossoms in November, welcoming all the seasonal members as they return to our beautiful park in the late fall. The bark on this tree is very interesting. Stop by and take a look. It, along with two small pink tabebuia trees at the entrance and exit will be the only token ornamental trees to be planted, but they will add a very important little touch of color to the park. The parking lot is getting a new seal coat and new parking stripes, and be sure to notice the new reclaimed concrete bumpers! The new handicap ramp at the south end is now in place, and soon the signage will be there too. We are getting bids for the new signage at the entrance, inside the park, and at the exit. The two new bike racks are in place, thanks to one of our members. As always, we welcome your suggestions and comments and your continued donations to our wonderful park! We still have a few more items on our "wish list," and it is only because of our generous members that we have been able to do all of these things. They will last for many years to come.

**Don't miss this rare and exciting opportunity!** With the landscaping now almost complete, we have determined that we can accommodate just one more bench at the park. Since a list of previous interested donors is not available, we are going to have a Silent Auction to sell this last bench. The minimum bid is \$600. Please mail your sealed bids to the MPOA. The sealed bids will be opened at the sunset party on April 29 and the winner will be announced. Good luck!

The generosity of MPOA members, families and friends continue to be an inspiration, and we are happy to thank the following individuals and families for their outstanding support of the Moorings Beach Park. Every effort has been made to correctly capture and recognize each donation, and we regret any misspellings or omissions.

### **New Gold Level Donations (Donations of \$1,000 or more)**

Anonymous Donor	Jody Alexander in memory of Lauren Yuhasz	
Barbara Cobb	Frank & Nancy Ginocchio	Gary & Janet Grevillius
Murall & Peggy Hancock	Graham Moody	The family of Annabelle Kixmiller Ruch
Linda & Nick Penniman	Michael, James & Kathleen Shananan	George & Helen Zurlo

### **New Silver Level Donations (Donations of \$500-\$999)**

James & Ramona Coleman in memory of Lauren Yuhasz	Megan McKee in memory of Dr. Helen McKee
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### **We also thank the following families for their generous donations of various amounts to the beach park:**

Andronaco	Arena	Bingham	Bocchino
Cascione	Condo	Corson	Denton
Febbo	Fisher (in memory of Lauren Yuhasz)	Henderson	
Hulse	McDowell	McGloin	Snyder
Strassner	Tycast	VonDoersten	Wilhem

Webster (in memory of Lauren Yuhasz)

*Thomas & Susan Weidlich - Beach Park Co-chairs*

*Linda Black—Beautification Chair*

### **Friends of the Moorings Beach Park Sponsorships**

Have you been thinking about making a donation to the Moorings Beach Park in your name or in memory of a loved one? Here are some guidelines:

#### ***Gold Level - Any donation of \$1,000 or more***

Gold donations are recognized with a mention in the MPOA newsletter, a plaque on the 'Friends of the Moorings Beach Park' donation board located by the flag pole at the beach park, and a honorary lifetime membership.

#### ***Silver Level - Donations of \$500-\$999***

Silver donations are recognized with a mention in the MPOA newsletter and a plaque on the 'Friends of the Moorings Beach Park' donation board located by the flag pole at the beach park.

Any other level of donation, whether monetary or with time and effort, is always greatly appreciated and will be recognized in the MPOA newsletter.

Please make all donations by check to:  
MPOA

Questions? Any inquiries may also be made  
to Sue Weidlich @ 290-8166

Clip out this coupon and send it with your check, made out to the MPOA, for \$10 per person to MPOA, P O Box 993, Naples, FL 34106

Yes, Sign us up for the 2nd annual Sunset Party, April 29, 2008 . Here is my check

Adult reservations @ \$10

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Names \_\_\_\_\_

We ( I ) will volunteer



## Minutes of February 23, 2008 Annual Meeting and Sunset Party

The annual meeting of the MPOA was called to order by President Linda Penniman at 4:30 at the chickee hut at the Beach Park. Approximately 70 people were in attendance.

Mayor Bill Barnett and City Manager Bill Ross made a few remarks.

Linda acknowledged the presence of Ned Kendall and his shirt/hat selling concession and his contribution of a portion of earnings to MPOA.

She also stated the next MPOA event will be a picnic at the Beach Park on April 29.

Linda called on Ed Owen, chair of the Nominating Committee (which also included Janet Gable and Peter Manion), to give his report. Owen stated rotating off the Board were Tammy Kipp, Chris Yanson and Doug Newman (who is the second generation of Newmans to serve on the MPOA Board). Owen placed the name of Joe Moran in nomination. He will take charge of running the website. Moran was unanimously elected to the Board of Governors.

Treasurer Al Katz introduced Merrill Kuller, volunteer auditor, who affirmed he had looked at the financial reports in detail and found everything to be in order.

Linda Black, chair of the Beach Improvement Committee, reported we now have two new bike racks; we will have two disabled parking spots instead of only one and that better signage is on the way. She also mentioned there is one space left to place a bench in the Park, and the right to purchase that last-named bench will be auctioned off at the April 29 picnic. Minimum bid--\$600.

The Treasurer was asked for a few details about our funds. He indicated we have \$107,000 in cash assets account; \$56,000+ in general account; \$50,000+ in Beach Improvement Account—which will be reduced by about \$20,000 to pay for recent materials and work. Revenue in 2007 was \$72,000 from dues and parking permits; expenses \$73,000.

A drawing for a door prize of a Moorings Beach Park shirt was then held.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Beth Smith—Secretary*

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

As expected, the Naples City Council passed a lawn fertilizer ordinance. The law will apply to individual homeowners as well as landscape companies. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the ordinance will limit or prohibit fertilizers with nitrogen or phosphorus. There are a few exceptions, one example being vegetable gardens. The ordinance also has penalties. The intent of the new ordinance is to reduce the pollution in our bays. Moorings Bay has about 75 storm-water outfalls which drain surface water from the area west of US 41. Meaning, even if you do not live on the bay, there is good chance that your lawn fertilizer still reaches the bay after a heavy rain.

To pay for infrastructure improvements, the city must raise storm water rates by 185%. In the past the city has billed all residential at a flat, one-size-fits-all rate. An attempt was made to get Council to accept a tiered billing, wherein larger homes would pay more than smaller homes and condominiums would no longer pay more than commercial. However, that effort appears dead for now but may be re-visited in the future.

Another important matter is before the City. As mandated by the state of Florida, Naples is starting the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan. Part of this updating process will include meetings with each neighborhood, the Moorings included. The Future Land Use element of the Comprehensive Plan seeks the goals and objectives of our neighborhood. This means you have a chance to be heard. Feel free to contact either Linda Penniman or me for more information on this issue. *Doug Finlay—Government Affairs*



## Meet your Governors

### Paul Drake, Membership Chairman

Paul was born and raised in San Francisco California. After graduating he went to Southern CA, eventually meeting his charming English wife Karen. They immigrated shortly thereafter to the UK, where they both lived for 10 years until Paul got tired of the pubs and moved back to the USA, settling in Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. After a few winters, Naples was the place to be. Past work experience includes construction management, financial advisory services, distribution of orthopedic soft goods, to real estate sales in the last 7 years.



## **ENABLING” OUR MEMBERS by Dick Stanbury**

Are you “disabled”? I never thought of myself as disabled until, after twenty years of enjoying our Moorings beach park, I found I could not, comfortably, negotiate the uneven ground from the parking area to the sand, across the drifting sand to the water and back and forth on the rippling floor of the Gulf.

Marg and I loved the Moorings beach park. For years, a small friendly group of us gathered each day near the south end of the park. I think Jean Bubb and I are the only survivors. For the last five years, we have found it more difficult to negotiate the uneven distance from the parking lot to the sand, and impossible for us to tackle the sand or the Gulf. We stopped going.

By the time Marg died last year, we had both been reduced to canes and walkers. After Marg’s funeral I came back to my Naples apartment. My daughter, Jane, from Vancouver, Canada, visited me and I bemoaned the fact that I could no longer enjoy my favourite spot – the Moorings beach park. Jane went for a walk on the beach and returned with the news that there was a walk from the north end of the park from the “disabled” parking spot right to the edge of the sand. There was also a paved space at the end where I could place a chair. I was delighted, and off we went.

It was just as she said. I used my walker to get to the end of the walk and set up my chair. I established myself in the shade of a tree, with a zephyr-like breeze, a perfect view of the sand, the sea, the people, the sailboats and the gorgeous blue sky with puffs of white matching the sails below.

I had always believed that Paradise would have to go some to beat Naples. And this was it! That is, until we went back down the path toward the car and found the bulletin board displaying a plan for the proposed renovation of the park. The walkway was to be removed. DISASTER!

Fortunately, I knew that Linda Penniman was President of MPOA. I called her and was invited to a Board meeting. I explained my concern that the new plan did not take into account the needs of the disabled. I was introduced to Linda Black, the Beautification Chairman . After I met Linda, everything got better.

I have learned all of the beautiful things Linda and her committee have planned, and, in large measure, have now implemented, to beautify and increase the utility of the Moorings beach park. They have installed a sprinkler system for the lawn and enhanced the landscaping with new trees, hedges and flowers. They plan a surfaced walkway, providing disabled access to the Port-O-Potty, and an increase in the number of parking spaces for the disabled. The central walkway is already in compliance with state standards and will accommodate wheelchairs, walkers, scooters and people who just find the ground too uneven to allow them to reach the beach. The parking lot will have two permanent “Disabled” spots now (required standard). The central walk will stretch right to the beach, with a surfaced area at the beach to accommodate several wheelchairs, walkers or scooters. The benches will still be there, as will the dolphins, on which our grandchildren used to play. There will be a spacious surfaced area where we can sit and appreciate the sea grass, the water, the sandpipers and fishing seagulls and pelicans, the dolphins, the breeze and our fellow members and their guests. We can chat if we like – probably about our grandchildren – or read, or just enjoy the sand and the surf.

Many thanks to our MPOA Board, to Linda Black and her committee, and to all our generous contributors to this effort, and, particular thanks from those of us who have thus been “enabled.”

*Editor’s Note: Dick has been most helpful to Linda Black in getting our park into ADA compliance.*