



The Moorings

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

On Sunday March 20th under a beautiful sunny sky, we celebrated the Park's 50th birthday with a party! Over 500 folks attended the barbeque, annual meeting, bluegrass concert (sponsored by our neighbor Encore National Bank), and enjoyed overall super fellowship with friends and neighbors. We were delighted to have many City Council members and the City Manager also in attendance. Two bars were kept busy the entire afternoon and evening and, while we ran out of a few libations, the special Moorings Park Punch never ran dry and was a big hit. (The recipe for this punch is a secret which has been handed down to just a few members, who shall remain nameless.)

By the time you receive this issue of our quarterly newsletter I hope the new Park bathroom is well on its way to completion. As with most construction projects, especially those built close to beaches, there can frequently be a few hiccups that delay a well-planned, timely schedule. Hopefully, our hiccups are behind us. We needed to obtain permission from the City for a revision of our plans in order to move the handicap ramp from the middle to the side of the building. Also, we decided to see if there was enough space to add a urinal in the men's room. Both changes were approved, but it took some time to work through the permitting processes. Some members have asked why we waited to start the construction toward the end of "season". This was clearly not our intention. In fact we had our architecturals and contracts in place well in advance of the season and our plan was to have the construction completed while most of the members were here. Again, the multitude of permits just didn't allow for this and we made the decision to move forward whenever our permits would allow. We're sorry for any inconvenience.

At our April Board meeting we had a presentation by the Naples Pathways Coalition, an organization responsible for developing safe bike paths and routes through the greater Naples area. We know from our bus tour with City officials that occurred this winter, many MPOA members are concerned about cyclists coming through our community who might not be obeying all of the traffic rules. The Coalition is aware of these issues and has expressed a desire to work with us to ensure we maintain a safe environment for folks on bicycles and also pedestrians. Part of the



solution is encouragement from the biking community itself and another part is law enforcement from our City police. At this presentation also in attendance were two City police officers who again heard our members' concerns. Our neighborhood officer is Bill Gonsalves who regularly attends MPOA Board meetings and is most responsive to our needs. Bill is willing to help us manage a safe biking environment and if you need his assistance for this or any police matters, you can reach him at 213-4868.

The sign announcing **The Moorings** at Harbour Drive and Route 41 was smashed accidentally by an elderly driver. A replacement for this (in compliance with hurricane codes) should be in place by May 1. Also, the sign on Belair Lane which was damaged by graffiti, will be repainted. Thank you for your patience; it took a while to handle the insurance claims and construction permits.

Finally, as a Moorings resident who lives on Moorings Bay, it recently came to my attention (my boat was broken into!) the City has only two marine patrol officers (and also only two marine patrol boats). These officers are responsible to cover all of the waterways in Naples including Naples Bay, the Gordon River and Gordon Pass, Doctor's Pass and our own Moorings Bay system. I've recently had MPOA members ask why we haven't seen the police patrol boats on the Bay as often as in the past. I suspect this is one of the reasons. We know our City is having budget issues but the fact remains, water safety, speed violations and protection from those intent on doing mischief on our properties should be addressed.

The MPOA Board of Governors not only administers the Beach Park, but also makes sure the entire Moorings community is represented at important City meetings, and that any issues within our community are well-communicated to the proper officials. To that end, please communicate to any Board member concerns or issues you feel need attention. Again, our explicit thanks to Encore National Bank for sponsoring the bluegrass concert and to all the folks who helped direct parking, tend bar, set-up, clean-up, etc. at the 50th. Any a big "Thank you" to Milton Link for giving us this Park when he designed The Moorings in 1961!

Al Katz, President

BEACH PARK / SHARING

Over 35 years ago I became friends with a neighbor and we remained close until his passing a couple of years ago. We were both avid gardeners and since he was a great deal older than I, I was the beneficiary of his many years of toiling the soil and I learned from his successes and failures. He used to say, "Linda, remember, with gardening things just come and go and we are here to take care of them the best that we can." I learned so much from him and miss his advice more than he will ever know. We frequently gardened together side by side and one message we agreed on was what gardeners do best is share. This gardening friend of mine also gave the Beach Park a very generous donation a few years ago even though he lived in another state.

Recently, while walking my dogs I noticed a neighbor and his daughter were digging away in his front yard. I stopped to chat and asked if he would be willing to donate to the Park some of the wonderful bromeliads he was thinning out. He said he would love to do that. So, a couple of days ago I hired a fellow and he and I removed a number of species of bromeliads and replanted them in a handful of places in the Park. One of the beauties of the bromeliad plant is that it requires very little care – a must for the Park. It also provides a little bit of texture and interest to the plantings. In addition, about once a year it provides a brilliant color pop for all to enjoy when it flowers! The downside is it has little barbs that will scratch your hands and arms if you are not careful. (I have a few battle scars as proof.) The wonderful donor is a Moorings resident by the name of Bill Davis. You may recognize the name as he is a retired Naples physician. He and Donna (his wife of 62 years), have lived on Hawser for 39 years and are long time MPOA members and park supporters.

This is just another example of sharing as that which occurred when I retrieved the concrete carpark bumpers from a group of condos which were being demolished. I asked if we could have the bumpers since they were being thrown away. I had them trucked down, put in place and painted almost for free!

Sharing is a good thing! ~ Linda Black

WATERWAYS

There will be plenty of action around Doctor's Pass in the coming months. Naples has a state permit to add 33,000 cubic yards of sand just south of the jetty at Doctor's Pass. This work will commence this month. The north jetty is now being refurbished; you may have seen the working barge in the Pass in April and early May. Residents and boaters alike have waited a long time for this work to be done. We are pleased to advise that these projects are underway and will be completed shortly. There is concern that the south jetty also is in need of refurbishment. This concern is being brought to the attention of the authorities.

Some of the Doctor's Pass day markers have been replaced and new shoal markers have been put in place. Note for all boaters: **DO NOT VENTURE NEAR THE SHOAL. Make sure to follow the channel markers for your safety. Please be aware there are shallow areas at the corner of Admiralty Towers near Marker 7, especially at low tide.**

Dredging in Doctor's Pass and access channels will commence again in 2013.

The Mooring Line Bridge project is now complete. A side benefit of this project is the water level signs will be replaced with new ones on the bridges at Mooring Line Drive, Harbour Drive and Park Shore Drive as the existing ones were old and inaccurate.

If you live on the water and have rip rap standing alone or by your seawall, you may protect it by planting mangroves. Adding rip rap is a good idea as it holds seawalls in place and, along with mangroves, provides a habitat for sea life and oxygen for the water. Mangroves spread and grow abundantly and fast. The City of Naples has an ordinance allowing mangroves to be trimmed to 6' above the roots so as not to limit views of the homeowner. The City has a program to assist in providing and planting mangroves in the rip rap free of charge. Contact: Dr. Bauer at City Hall.

Enjoy the beaches and waterways. Help us keep them clean and preserve our beautiful Naples waterways.

Waterways Chair, Bob Reynen

NEW BOARD MEMBER

I was recently invited to be a member of your Board of Governors.

When Carol and I moved here in 1993 we looked at 126 houses before deciding to buy the one we're in now. (Before making any snide remarks as to so many houses being looked at, let me say we were recently retired and living in a condo, so we had time!)

Nevertheless, I find it noteworthy to give you the reason we bought our house in the Moorings. In addition to the lovely mature trees throughout the area and the landscaping in general (and I must say – most of the Naples area has this), the deciding factor was the Beach Park. It is a slice of heaven not found elsewhere. We go to the park 3-4 days per week and are constantly in awe of its natural beauty. To have lunch under the beautiful shade trees is something we do not take for granted.

I tell you this for one reason – I love The Moorings and will do all I can to help keep the natural beauty we inherited by way of Milton Link's generous gift to its residents.

I started this article by saying "your" Board of Governors. I know I, as well as all board members, represent you and will always listen to your suggestions for improvement.

Thank you for allowing me to serve on "your" board.

Sincerely,

Roger Albers

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to thank the following families for their recent donations in support of our wonderful Beach Park. Every effort has been made to correctly capture and recognize each donation and we regret any misspellings or omissions.

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

Bob & Ada May Fearon
 Andrea & Mitch McLendon
 Sterling & Mary Jakel
 Rick Wintersberger
 Bonnie Smeja & Paul Norehad
 Frederick & Jill Yahraes

Existing Gold Members- additional donations

Susan Wright

Donations of varying amounts (listed alphabetically by Family Name)

Conrad
 Cuomo
 Felix
 Gerald
 Harrington
 Nicholson
 Rebenga
 Reider
 Repsher
 Rose
 Showe
 Starling
 Wright
 Zych

SMOKING POLICY AT THE BEACH

The Board recently received a request from a member that we **BAN** smoking in the Beach Park everywhere except in a designated area. A secondary request was to at least **DISCOURAGE** smoking except in that designated area.

We understand that many people are offended by cigarette and cigar smoke, but for some of our members a puff on that cigar as he/she enjoys the sunset is a favorite part of their day. We also know too many rules and regulations could be detrimental to the overall enjoyment of the Park and we don't want Elmer, Keith, or Tom to have to deal with smoking regulations.

We therefore request smokers please use "common courtesy". Make sure you pick up and use a sand bucket for butts. And please be aware of the way the wind is blowing and where your smoke is drifting. We thank you for future cooperation on this matter.

CHICKEE HUT

Ever since we painted the Chickee Hut furniture and put pavers on the floor, it has become a very popular spot for reunions, birthday parties, weddings and other types of small and large events. If you want to reserve the Chickee for any purpose, please see one of the attendants. Weddings and other large gatherings requiring entire afternoons should be booked as far in advance as possible to assure availability. There are costs to operating and maintaining the Chickee, thus all those reserving it are asked to make a monetary donation. A sign saying "RESERVED" will be placed in the Hut when appropriate. Please feel free to use it at will when the RESERVED sign is not displayed. And, of course, those using the facility are expected to remove all trash before leaving.

Ned Kendall, Beach Park co-chair

DONATIONS

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 honor or memory of a loved one? If so, here are the guidelines:

Gold Level--donation of \$1000 or more.

Gold level donors are acknowledged in the MPOA newsletter, on a plaque on the Friends of the Moorings Beach Park' donation board near the flag pole, and receive an honorary lifetime membership in MPOA.

Silver Level--donation of \$500 - \$999.

Silver donations are recognized in the MPOA newsletter and on a plaque on the Friends of the Moorings Beach Park' donation board.

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

Please make all donations by check to:

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Sue Weidlich, Membership Chair

Marie Murphy, Condo Liaison & RCC representative



15,000 people who can benefit by bringing local residents and local businesses together. Begun just last June by members of the MPOA, the Coquina Sands Property Owners Assn., and Lake Park Property Owners, the Resident's Club (Discount) Card has had a very busy and successful year! Three other homeowners associations have asked to join us, so with the addition of Aquatane Shores, Royal Harbor and Oyster Bay we represent potentially 15,000 people who can benefit by bringing local residents and local businesses together.

On Monday, May 2 our full committee invited representatives from member restaurants, retail and professional businesses to a Meet & Greet evening at the Beach Park. It was a beautiful night and our Chickee Hut was full of happy folks who had a chance to exchange ideas and share thoughts about how the card is working for them.

We have many new merchants on the RCC list, including Bambu Grill --Waterside, Brambles Tea Room, Leon's Pizzeria, The Clock, The Dock at Crayton Cove, and The Riverwalk. New professional and retail services such as Dimensions Design Studio, Derma Clinic of Naples, The Paper Merchant, and Apothecary Pharmacy have joined. The list has over 100 merchants, including our early supporters such as The Name Game, The Village Pub, The Island Pup, The Olde Naples Pub and Encore National Bank. Pick up a current list from the guards at the Park or go online to www.mpoa.org and click on Resident's Club Card.

Please support our retail and professional businesses by using your RCC card (which comes free to you with your MPOA membership) and keep your spending local!

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