

Town Hall Meetings

As you may know, District 4 is the City of Naples and part of this district encompasses East Naples which includes west of Airport Rd, south of US41 to Thomasson Dr. including Bayshore Dr. and a section of Isles of Collier, and north of Davis Blvd.

While there has been much heated discussion on "affordable housing" (low income) issues, Commissioner Fiala feels there is more in her district than any other and there is no need for more, while Commissioner Taylor feels her district needs much more, excluding the City of Naples, but including Bayshore which has strived for years to eliminate the blight and improve the area.

There are two Town Hall meetings this month everyone should consider attending.

District 4 Town Hall Meeting Commissioner Penny Taylor

Thursday, March 8, 2018, 5:00 - 6:30 PM, City of Naples - City Hall, City Council Chamber, 735 8th St South.

District 1 Town Hall Meeting Commissioner Donna Fiala

Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 6:00 - 7:30pm at the South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway, Naples.

Greater Naples Fire District To Conduct Live Fire Training

Neal Communities has been generous enough to donate a structure to Greater Naples Fire Rescue (GNFD) for the purpose of conducting live fire training for fire rescue personnel in Collier County. This is an excellent opportunity for firefighters to be able to use their skills and training in a realistic but controlled scenario. Small fires will be ignited inside the structure allowing firefighters the opportunity to recognize changing fire conditions.

The structure is located at 2101 County Barn Rd. and the training will be held March 6, 7 and 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. You may notice smoke in the area but be assured that all live fire training exercises are carefully planned and closely controlled by certified Live Fire Instructor Trainers. GNFD are very grateful to Neal Communities for providing this great opportunity for our personnel.

US41 Corridor Study Findings

The final wrap up meeting for a presentation of findings and recommendations from the 3 meetings held for public input was held February 21st at South Regional Library.

While storage facilities seem to be popping up everywhere, the majority, 67%, say no more. 31% thought if they had the appearance of several stores with different roof lines they would be more acceptable.

64% do not want any more gas stations, while 30% thought if they were set back and fronted by nice landscaping they would be more acceptable.

79% want more sit-down restaurants, with only 5% wanting more take-out and 0% for more drive-thrus.

Destination shopping was at 79%, with strip malls at 7%, and outlet centers at 5%.

83% like live-work, mixed use buildings in three different 1-3 story appearances, while 17% disagreed and wanted none.

On incentives to develop preferred development types, 30% agreed impact fee credits for tear down and re-build situations, 22% for impact fee deferrals for target industries or uses, 21% for increased height, 10% for increased densities, and 12% for all of the above.

42% agreed a regulatory corridor overlay zoning district to add standards for desired (additional) landscaping. 30% to add standards for enhanced building design, and 18% thought more flexibility or relief from current standards for redevelopment would be acceptable.

44% agreed a community based branding effort to establish identity and a marketing program, 19% thought we should pursue a Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) designation, 10% thought an MSTU to fund improvements to the roadway, landscaping, lighting, signage, with 18% agreeing to all of the above.

Written comments were compiled with preferred development taking the lead at all three meetings.

The results will be presented by Johnson Engineering's, Laura DeJohn, Director of Planning and Landscape Architecture, and Michael Bosi, Director of Collier County Planning Director to the County Commissioners.

ENCA March Luncheon

The March 15th, 2018 ENCA Luncheon featuring Donna McGinnis, President & CEO, Botanical Gardens at our **new luncheon venue, The Players Club, 8060 Grand Lely Drive,** begins at 11:30am and the cost is \$22 for members, \$25 non-members.



Donna McGinnis took the role of President and CEO of Naples Botanical Garden in January 2017. She is a native of Seattle, and spent many years in St. Louis where she most recently served as Senior Vice President of Community & Development at the Missouri Botanical Garden. She was also an adjunct professor at Washington University for a decade. Donna holds a bachelor's degree in Communications and an MBA. St. Louis is where Donna joined the Junior League, and she still holds an affinity for its legendary cinnamon rolls. She and her husband, Brian, are raising three daughters.

Please RSVP with your reservations and/or cancellations for the monthly luncheon no later than 6:00pm Monday prior to the luncheon. It's easy to make your reservation or cancel one, just call 239-434-1967 or go online to <http://www.eastnaplescivic.com/luncheon-reservations>.

Special June Luncheon

Our June 21, 2018 luncheon will be a special event that evening aboard the Naples Princess for a sunset cruise. Members will have the first opportunity to reserve their seats. If there's still room, non-members will be invited to join us. We'll have more information and reservation forms available at the March luncheon and the ENCA website following the luncheon.

Join ENCA now!

It's ENCA Membership Drive Time!

We need your support! If you are concerned about the future of East Naples we need you as a member! Stay informed, renew or join today! The more members we have, the stronger our voices are heard! We are the voice of East Naples! And we need you! All of you!

Help us represent you, the residents and businesses of East Naples with one united voice. Benefits include governmental representation, monthly luncheon program with great speakers you won't want to miss, newsletters, and community involvement such as the Santa Run and charity fashion show and golf tournaments to help raise monies for scholarships and other children's programs

We also need board members for 2018 and advisory committee members. You do not have to be a board member to be on a committee. Find your passion and join a committee today! Ask your neighbors, ask your friends, ask your co-workers to join today!

**Now is a very important time!
We have the Affordable Housing Issue
and the US41 Corridor Study
at our door step.
Please join today!**

New members who join before January 1, 2018 get the remainder of 2017 as a member at no additional cost. And don't forget to renew your membership for 2018.

Membership Cost:

\$25 Single

\$30 Couple

\$60 Business

Download the online membership form at www.EastNaplesCivic.com or send us your name, address, phone, & email along with your check to ENCA, 11502 Tamiami Trail East, Naples FL 34113.

ENCA Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month except August. Luncheons are held the 3rd Thursday of each month except summer break in August and the annual banquet in January.

Collier County Public Library Celebrates 60th Anniversary

Collier County Public Library invites the public to celebrate its 60th Anniversary Saturday, March 24. Events include fun and games for all ages.

Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Avenue, 9:00am-10:30am. Coffee and snacks, family fun day, games for all ages, all day in every space.

Headquarters Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive, 11:00am-2:00pm. Groovy games and dancing, cake and refreshments, music by Richard Smith. South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Appetizers and refreshments, music, cooking, history, comedy and magic .

The Collier County Library has its origins in the Naples Woman's Club when 85 years ago, in 1932, it initiated the county's first lending library. In 1957, the Friends of the Library petitioned Collier County for approval and helped create the Collier County Free Public Library. On August 1, 1958, the library opened its doors to the public with a book collection of under 4,000 items, supplemented with a loan of 1,000 volumes from the Florida State Library. A bookmobile started overall county service in September 1958.

Despite limited resources, the library circulated a total of 50,000 items during its first year of operation. By the end of 1959, there were 2,397 registered borrowers. The following year saw an increase of borrowers to 3,658 with more than 80,000 circulating items. In 1963, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Lee donated a large block of land on Central Avenue to the Friends of the Library to be used for a public library. The Naples Regional Library is still located there today.

Currently, the Library has more than 200,000 library card patrons. Last year, there were more than 2,500,000 online visitors. The Library now has access to more than half a million physical and virtual items spread out over 10 branches. The Library's long history is well documented and preserved for all to enjoy. There is a photographic microfilm collection of Collier County history compiled through local newspapers and residents available at the Naples Regional Library.

Sign Up Now For Charity Golf Tournament

The East Naples Civic Association (ENCA) and East Naples Foundation (ENF) will host a Charity Golf Tournament and Dinner on May 4, 2018 at the Royal Palm Country Club. Proceeds will benefit East Naples Education and Youth programs. ENF is a 501(c)3.

**Friday, May 4, 2018
Royal Palm Golf & Country Club**

8:30 Shotgun Start
Continental Breakfast

Dinner 6pm - 10pm

\$120 Golf/Dinner

\$40 Dinner Only Non/Golfers

Dinner

6:00 Cocktails & Appetizers
Prime Rib Buffet/Carving Station
White Fish with Coconut Cream Sauce
Stuffed Chicken Breast Rockefeller
Key Lime Pie
Cash Bar

Live Entertainment

Chahula & Cream

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Silent Auction Prizes Include:

Bourbon Dinner for 10
at Shula's Steak House
Jewelry Making Party for 10
at A. Jaron Fine Jewelry

Individual and foursomes welcome. For Reservations and brochure, download at www.eastnaplescivic.com or www.eastnaplesfoundation.org. For questions call Shirley at 239-435-9415.

Sponsorships start at \$100 for a hole sponsor. If you'd like to be a sponsor for the event, please email us at info@eastnaplescivic.com for more information.

Even after sixty years, the library remains a popular and comforting destination in Collier County.

For more information visit them online at collierlibrary.org.