



ENCA

April Luncheon

Please join us for the upcoming luncheon featuring:

Al Kite

Founder & Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Kite Companies
How the company started in 1960 and why they came to Naples

&

Doug Kirby

Senior Project Mgr, Kite
Upcoming projects

Thursday,

April 21, 2016

11:30am

Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club

7065 Hamilton Ave. Naples FL 34112

PLEASE RSVP 434-1967 or go online to www.eastnaplescivic.com

Make your reservation today!

Cost: \$20 for members

\$22 non-member

Please bring a friend and let's show our support for all they are doing in East Naples!

Quote of the Month

There is no glory in star or blossom till looked upon by a loving eye; There is no fragrance in April breezes till breathed with joy as they wander by.

~ William C. Bryant

President's Message From Christopher Shucart

The roads are busy, new stores and restaurants are opening and East Naples is the place to be. We welcome all the new residents and businesses to the area.

I would like to thank the Naples Daily News for their quick revision to a news article originally published on February 10, 2016. The original on-line headline of the article read "East Naples man arrested on charge of possession of \$1.6M worth of cocaine." The problem with the headline is that the man's home address was just south of Pine Ridge Road which is NOT in East Naples. Within an hour of the online article being published the headline was revised to read "Naples man arrested on charge of possession of \$1.6M worth of cocaine."

A big thank you to the Naples Daily News for helping to maintain the quality image that we have worked so hard to achieve for all of East Naples. I also write this as a call to action to all of our membership. If you read an article in the newspaper or see a tv news report or other on-line or print media that calls out a negative incident taking place in "East Naples" please make sure it took place in East Naples. If the incident was not in East Naples or the perpetrator was not

living in East Naples, please call or write to the respective media organization to tell them we care about East Naples and do NOT want any unjust negative publicity.

On a more positive note, I was recently invited to take a tour of the newly opened Arlington (www.ArlingtonNaples.org) which is located on the Northern side of the community of Lely Resort. Wow what a facility. If you have an opportunity to take a tour or visit the facility please do so. The opening of the Arlington is a terrific accomplishment for East Naples. This quality development is generating terrific job opportunities for Collier County residents and is a great example in order to create similar projects in East Naples. Best wishes to the Arlington and thank you for building your wonderful facility here in East Naples.

As a reminder we are only as strong as our membership. Please refer a friend, neighbor, or colleague to become a member of ENCA. Also do not forget to renew your membership. Renewal applications can be found on our website, www.EastNaplesCivic.com.

April Florida Legislative and Collier County District 3 Candidate Forums

A coalition of civic groups will continue its 2016 election forums in April. Florida legislature races will be featured on April 7 at Hodges University in North Naples.

From 4 to 5:30 p.m., Republican candidates for Florida House District 80 – so far, Byron Donalds and Joe Davidow – and for House District 106 – Republicans Lavigne Kirkpatrick and Robert Rommel –

will discuss issues and answer questions.

Later, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., contenders for Florida District 28, Republicans Kathleen Passidomo and Matt Hudson, will air their views.

On April 13, candidates for Collier County Commission District 3 will come together from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Golden Gate Senior Center. Candidates so far are

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A New Look At Affordable Housing From Donna Fiala

A picture is worth a thousand words...or is it? If the picture is painted with a brush missing half the bristles, does it really look the same? Data can say anything you want it to say. Studies can be created to conclude anything you want them to express. That goes for Affordable Housing as well. When the report came out that we were short in our inventory of Affordable Housing (AH), I asked for the inventory by commission district (approved and built to date). Here is what I received:

These are the preposterous figures

District	Location	Approved	Built
1 - Fiala	East Naples	1,020	548
2 - Hiller	North Naples	328	313
3 - Henning	Golden Gate City	933	769
4 - Taylor	City of Naples, Bayshore, Thomasson	88	64
5 - Nance	GGE, Immokalee	2,224	1,191
	Total	4,593	2,885

we are led to believe! In District One alone we have an affordable housing development called Naples Manor with 1351 units, yet they say we have 548 units in all of East Naples: we have section 8 housing, and well over 1300 Habitat homes in E.N. I scratched my head and asked myself – how could this be?

In District 4 – they say there are *only 64 built* – and yet that district encompasses all of the Triangle, Estey Ave., Shadowlawn, Thomasson, Bayshore, and Avalon Lake, which are all in East Naples and filled with low income housing.

The figures quoted did not come close to what is actually constructed in the county. So I asked for additional information: “please forward the inventory of all the affordable housing developments in Collier County.” (Of course that does not take into consideration all of the single family homes in areas like Golden Gate City, Bayshore, Thomasson, Naples Park, Port au Prince, Manatee Rd., Triangle, etc., only the developments). This brought into the picture the 4 Habitat Villages we have in East Naples, etc. BUT, it did not include Naples Manor, Whistler’s Cove (section 8 housing), and many more. I would be happy to send you that list, as I cannot use any more space in this column.

Then I asked the prize question – Why are all of these housing units and developments not counted? The answer? “Because they aren’t HUD (Housing and Urban Development) approved, meaning they don’t meet HUD’s requirement that the houses stay affordable for 15 years,

thus they can’t be counted. I said “most of these places are over 30 years old and remain affordable! Why doesn’t that qualify?” Because they are not HUD approved, was my answer. And so, my Friends, we are told we are in dire need of affordable housing and we need to build thousands to bring us up to the level needed, yet there are thousands and thousands existing but not counted. *According to the Property Appraisers office there are 14,248 properties appraised under \$126,000 in District 1;*

3,824 in District 2; 6,436 in District 3; 8,283 in District 4; and 5,356 in District 5.

Then you wonder how the affordable housing can be concentrated in certain areas? The State Statute 163.3177 states: – (f) 1. A housing element consisting of standards, plans, and principles to be followed in: g. “The creation or preservation of affordable housing to minimize the need for additional local services and *avoid the concentration of affordable housing units only in specific areas of the jurisdiction*”.

Obviously we are not following the State Statute. Why is our low income housing concentrated in three areas? Do you have any idea what that does to the schools in that area? Most of the schools in these areas are Title I schools, and most of the children are on free breakfast & lunch programs. There is a heavy turnover within the teaching profession because it is very difficult to work in these areas. Many children have no parents to come home to because they are out working, or no English speaking parents at home to help them with homework. Their wonderful teachers do not receive merit pay because their schools are not A-schools – yet there are so many new non-English speaking children entering each year that the teachers must start all over again each new semester; and until the teachers can help the children understand what they are saying, the learning is slowed. Teacher turnover rate is high.

At one school I was told it was over 71% until last year. The little ones have a hard time becoming a part of our society

Renew Your ENCA Membership Now!

Please we need your support! Renew today! The more members we have, the stronger our voices are heard! We are the voice of East Naples! Help us represent 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. Ask your neighbor, ask your friends, ask your co-workers, please join today!

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the costs associated with printing and mailing our newsletter, we regretfully will have to remove those who have not renewed their ENCA membership after the May issue is sent out. You will receive one more issue after this if not renewed. Membership and renewals are only \$25 for a single person, \$30 for a couple. And businesses are only \$60 and we post your website link on the eastnaplescivic.com website, which also helps your rankings when people search for you on the internet.

Online membership form at www.EastNaplesCivic.com or just send us your name, address, phone, and email along with your check to ENCA, PMB #274, 3823 Tamiami Tr. E., Naples FL 34112.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Stephen Goldenberg

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RENEWALS - THANK YOU!

Robert and Clarice Camp Jr.

Tom Ryan

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Sam Sneads Oak Grill & Tavern

Salvation Army

Lavigne Ann Kirkpatrick

Bob Rommel

because they have few American-born children in their schools. In one school they only have 1% white American children. That’s 11 out of 750 children. And sadly, most of these low income units are nowhere close to the job market. They have to find gas money to get to work because big employers such as the hotels and hospitals are far away from the affordable housing units.

Another thing that happens when you have an over-saturation of low and very low income homes congregated in one area: stores and restaurants do not want to build in the area because

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they fear there will be no customers. If the area once was a wonderful marketplace but became saturated with low income, businesses move out, stores close, and the area begins to look run down.

I tell you this because we are already suffering with these problems, and yet we are now told we need more of the same in the same area! What are we accomplishing? I can guarantee the young college graduates will not move into those areas. They want better. Are we building better at a more moderate price? Why aren't we? Young professionals who are hired from another state to work at a great company down here want to find housing in a safe, clean neighborhood where their children can go to a great school and not be held back in their learning environment. Let's not turn our backs and pretend this is not happening in our own community!

This issue doesn't have an easy fix because the lines get blurred with the new definitions of low income and affordable housing, and now they are including the Essential Services term - which we all quickly think of as teachers, firemen, nurses, paramedics, etc., but actually it could be a person who handles a service that is needed, such as a cook, a lawn service, a waiter - all VERY essential services which many of us could not do, or don't want to do, but we cannot do without, and again the lines get blurred.

First we need to know what we actually need, and it's housing for skilled workers such as nurses, hospital techs, paramedics, deputies, bank employees, reporters, waiters & waitresses, young professionals, entry level college graduates, etc. I call the housing for them "skilled worker housing". They are building some very nice rental housing for these people in East Naples on Collier Blvd. called Sierra Meadows and another is The Aster. Some even have garages.

I believe if we incentivize this type of housing rather than very low income, we would be able to assist employers in finding the employees they are looking for. Entry level skilled

workers don't make much money to start off, but they still make too much money for subsidized housing or HUD housing, or very low income housing. They just do not qualify! So, we need to incentivize developers to build skilled worker type housing around the county, close to jobs, so that we can attract these young people to our community. THIS is what I'm trying to do, not more of the same old!

Forums *continued from front page*

Democrat Annisa Karim and Republicans Ron Kezeske, Burt Saunders and Russell Tuff and Atom McCree, NPA.

All of the forums will be moderated by retired Naples Daily News editorial page editor Jeff Lytle. Candidates will field questions from the sponsoring organizations and from the audience. Reservations are not required. Seating is on first-come basis.

These and other forums are sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Collier County, Collier Citizens Council, Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, Naples Press Club, Greater Naples Better Government Committee, Collier County Presidents Council, Greater Naples Leadership, Pelican Bay Property Owners Association, East Naples Civic Association, Golden Gate Civic Association and Golden Gate Estates Area Civic Association.

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Are You Election Ready?

3 Ways to Vote

Vote by Mail
Order your ballot by 5:00 p.m. on March 9, 2016.
Mail ballots cannot be forwarded. Be sure to sign the Voter's Certificate before mailing in your vote.

Early Voting
Vote early at any of our eight Early Voting locations between March 5 and March 12.
Polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 6:00 p.m.

Election Day
March 15, 2016 is Election Day and polls are open 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
You must vote in the precinct in which you live.

Registration closes 29 days before each election (97.055, F.S.). Photo & signature ID is required at the polls (101.043, F.S.).

Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office
www.CollierVotes.com ★ (239)252-VOTE

On the Calendar...

Saturday, April 2 - Exhibition: "Rest in Peace: Cemeteries of Collier County", Naples Depot Museum, runs through September 30, 2016

Wednesday April 6 - East Naples Civic Association Monthly Board Meeting, 5:30pm, Thomas Cannon Fire Station on Davis Blvd

Thursday, April 7 - Collier County Planning Commission Meeting, 9:00am , Commission Chambers

Thursday, April 7 - Florida Legislature Races Forum, 4:00-5:30pm & 6:00 - 7:30pm, Hodges University

Tuesday, April 12 - Collier County Commission Meeting, 9:00am, Commission Chambers

Tuesday, April 12, Greater Naples Fire District, 5:30pm, GNFD Headquarters

Wednesday, April 13 - Collier County Commission District 3 Forum, 6:00 - 7:30pm, Golden Gate Senior Center

Thursday, April 14 - Collier County Hearing Examiner Meeting, 9:00am, Commission Chambers

Friday, April 15 - Special Magistrate Hearing, Dangerous Dogs, 9:00am, Commission Chambers

Monday, April 18, Midnight, Taxes Due to IRS

Thursday, April 21 - East Naples Civic Association monthly luncheon, 11:30am, Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club

Friday, April 22, Earth Day

Tuesday, April 26 - Collier County Commission Meeting 9:00am, Commission Chambers

Monday,, April 25 - Citizens Advisory Committee, 2:00pm, Growth Mgmt

Thursday April 29 - Code Enforcement Board, 9:00am, Commission Chambers

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Big Brothers Big Sisters Needs Mentors

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast is recruiting volunteers to mentor children ages 6-18 in Collier County. There are currently 20 youth waiting for a mentor of which 15 are boys and 5 are girls. Many options are available, such as the School-Based Program where the volunteer/mentor meets with the youth in school for one hour per week, or the traditional Community-Based Program where the volunteer/mentor meets with the youth outside of school, spending time enjoying common interests.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast has been the area's preeminent youth-service organization for thirty-nine years. Our service is based on our volunteers. We have a proven success in creating and nurturing relationships between adults and children. Our great mentoring success could not be possible without the support and help from businesses, organizations and individuals in our community.

For more information contact Lois Ferguson at 239-331-7133 or email lferguson@bbbssun.org .