

On the Calendar...June 2016

Wednesday, June 1 - East Naples Civic Association Monthly Board Meeting, 5:30pm, Thomas Cannon Fire Station on Davis Blvd

Wednesday, June 1 - Hurricane season officially begins

Thursday, June 2 - Collier County Planning Commission Meeting, 9:00am, Commission Chambers

Saturday, June 11 - Lady Hero Flight! - Honor Flight returns at 7:00pm, Naples Airport via Elite Airways (1st honor flight from Naples Airport).

Tuesday, June 14 - Collier County Commission Meeting, 9:00am, Commission Chambers

Tuesday, June 14 - Greater Naples Fire District, 5:30pm, GNFD Headquarters

Tuesday, June 14 - Collier County School Board, 4:00pm, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Administration Center

Tuesday, June 14 - Flag Day

Thursday, June 16 - Collier County Planning Commission Meeting, 9:00am, Commission Chambers

Thursday, June 16 - East Naples Civic Association monthly luncheon, 11:30am, Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club

Sunday, June 19 - Father's Day

Thursday, June 23 - Code Enforcement Board, 9:00am, Commission Chambers

Monday, June 27 - Citizen's Advisory Committee, 2pm, Growth Management Main Conference Room

Tuesday, June 28 - Collier County Commission Meeting 9:00am, Commission Chambers

Get prepared for hurricane season!

East Naples Civic Association

Established 1950

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Are You Election Ready?

3 Ways to Vote

Vote-by-Mail

Order your ballot by 5:00 p.m. on August 24, 2016.

Vote-by-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 nine Early Voting locations between August 20 and August 27.

Early Voting locations will open at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 6:00 p.m.

Election Day

August 30, 2016 is Election Day and polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

You must vote in the precinct in which you live.

Registration closes 29 days prior to each election. Florida is a Closed Primary State and party changes must be made by August 1, 2016 for this 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

Salvation Army Fran Cohen Youth Center Breaks Ground

The Salvation Army in Collier County has formally broken ground on the new Fran Cohen Youth Center. This historic event was attended by over 100 Naples community members, including donors, business leaders, local dignitaries, and general supporters, in addition to officers and staff from nearby corps locations. It featured a performance from the Child Care Center Kidz Chorus, special remarks from Colonel Ken Johnson, and thoughts from Myra Janco Daniels, creator of The Latchkey League – the group largely responsible for leading the fundraising effort for the center and raising \$5 million in capital campaign funds.



ENCA
June Luncheon
Please join us for the
upcoming luncheon featuring:
Sheriff Kevin
Rambosk &
Lt. Jay Mulholland
Field Supervisor
East Naples Substation



Crime Stats & Crime Prevention in East Naples

Thursday,
June 16, 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 to
protect the residents & businesses
of East Naples!

President's Message From Christopher Shucart

What a great season we've had in East Naples and all of Collier County for that matter! Exciting new happenings



are taking place in all of East Naples from the US Open Pickle Ball Championships to the potential redevelopment of the Gateway Triangle at US 41 East & Davis Blvd. We are however, sad to see so many people heading back North. The more full-time residents we have living in East Naples the stronger our businesses, schools, and community will be. I always find it funny that people start heading up North around Easter when it is still cold outside of Florida. May was a great month for us in Naples with wonderful weather so next year please feel free to stay a little longer.

In life there are winners and losers. In the case of the highly publicized Collier County government vendors not being paid on a timely basis by the Collier County Clerk of Courts, both the vendors/contractors and the tax payers are the losers. Payment delays have resulted in a reduced amount of bidders & vendors to many of the County capital improvement projects.

A reduction in the amount of

bidders for Collier County projects is a detriment to all taxpayers because it results in higher bids and less quality service & workmanship. Competition in life is wonderful because it keeps us striving for improvement. Without competition we pay higher prices for inferior products and services. A recent airline travel experience of mine is a perfect example that competition is all-around better for customers. As airlines merge and or go out of business, competition is reduced. Less flight & airline options = higher prices for tickets as well as the airlines charging for bags and meals. If it continues in the same direction, the airlines may soon be charging to use the restrooms....

As a community we need Collier County to have more bidders and vendors to choose from. Please write to the Board of County Commissions as well as the Clerk of Courts to express your support for timely payment to vendors to help maintain our competitive edge. Feel free to also send your thoughts to info@EastNaplesCivic.com and we will compile and forward them to the respective groups.

As a reminder we are only as strong as our membership. Please refer a friend, neighbor, or colleague to become a member of ENCA or attend one of our terrific luncheons. Please come out and see our very talented and informative luncheon speakers.

Best Regards,
Christopher Shucart

Quote of the Month

"The American flag is the symbol of our freedom, national pride and history." ~ Mike Fitzpatrick

Visit us online at www.eastnaplescivic.com

We Need Your Feedback & Opinion...It Counts!

Development Density

There's been many land developers looking for more density and zoning changes than is already allowed on their land and in the Comprehensive Growth Plan. Much of the impact with higher density comes on the roadways and in the immediate neighborhood area.

Do you think the County should approve zoning changes and more density for projects or stay with the Plan?

Habitat for Humanity

Last month we had a story about Habitat for Humanity and the new development concept and direction they were hoping to get people to support. The story, written by Nick Kouloheras, Executive Vice President, outlined the new concept for the two new projects they are proposing to build on Whitaker Road and Davis Blvd. By the way, they also have another 140 acres off the east trail which could potentially be 1,400+ homes.

Two Neighborhood Informational Meetings (NIM) were held this past month on both these projects. The Davis Blvd. project had less than 10 residents in attendance and no objection from Cedar Hammock where the project will abut their community, previously saying they felt there was enough buffer of landscape and wooded area that it would not directly affect them.

However, the Whitaker Road meeting was quite the opposite. Over 100 people attended and voiced their extreme unhappiness with the present four Habitat communities in East Naples and the deplorable condition they are in. Habitat responded by telling everyone they have hired a

management company to oversee the homeowner's associations and try to get them looking better. Most of the attendees responded they needed to get those properties in better condition first and prove themselves before anyone would even think of supporting more Habitat communities. More importantly they strongly expressed the need for them to build elsewhere in the county, East Naples has more than their fair share.

With all the new development and big money investments going on in East Naples (finally), some very nice communities and commercial projects are being built, and no one was heard saying they wanted or needed any more low-income housing built. Did you know 68% of all the low income housing (affordable housing as they call it) in Collier County is in East Naples?

Habitat has also purchased many single family homes and lots in our area, and neighbors of those properties have also expressed their concern as they have seen property values decline wherever the Habitat has homes. So why is this? Are they vetting the applicants correctly? Why are the applicants that get approved moving in and letting their new homes become blight? Where is the pride of home ownership the applicants so desperately wanted? Why are there so many vehicles allowed at one residence (no other associations allow this), with some parking all over their yard?

Did you know? Once qualified to purchase a Habitat Home and the home is ready for occupancy, the mortgage amount the family can afford is recorded as a first mortgage. The remainder of the appraised value is a silent second (and sometimes a third)

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Renew Your ENCA Membership Now!

Please we need your support! Stay informed, renew or join 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!

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the costs associated with printing and mailing our newsletter, we regretfully had to remove those who have not renewed their ENCA membership. Membership and renewals are only \$25 for a single person, \$30 for a couple, and businesses are only \$60 plus we post your website link on the eastnaplescivic.com website, which also helps your rankings when people search for you on the internet. Please renew today!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Roger and Elizabeth LeLande
Mitch's Cookie Café
Literacy Volunteers of Collier County
Naples Elks Lodge #2010
Bartley Realty LLLP

RENEWALS - THANK YOU!

David and Angelina Crisp
Providence House
Tim Coffey
Dr. Cornelius Vander Laan

Around Town With Donna Fiala

Lely High School asked me to be a judge for their Entrepreneurial Program presentation, as they prepare to compete with other schools. Each group presented their new invention, how they came up with the idea, how they would manufacture it, market it, the financials, etc. What a great program they had! It was wonderful to see what these young people could create.



It's interesting to read all the ads for Neighborhood Information Meetings (NIM) now that the winter residents have headed up north, and there are fewer people here to attend or to object. Hmmm – wonder if

that is by design? It didn't work recently, even though so many residents have gone back home. I went to a NIM that scheduled itself into a very small library meeting room, but people came out by the droves, filled the room to packed standing room, then overflowed into another adjacent room and then overflowed into the foyer of the building. I wasn't even aware there were so many people left in town, but they were there and mad! I see many more coming up. Those of us who are left, please check these NIM announcements in the paper and plan to be there if they pertain to your location. The developers are counting on you not watching or knowing of their meetings. Tell your neighbors, tell your friends, but make sure these developments have a full view of all who will be affected. You may just save your neighborhood!

Probably most of us have heard about the Stem Cell Procedure, but really don't know what it is or how it's done. Although not being really immersed in the subject, I've spoken to the owner of Arthrex, the largest company in Collier County, in Florida and actually one of the largest in the USA!, who has diligently been working on streamlining the procedure and equipment for the Orthopedic Surgeons in our community. Here's what I understand so far. The surgeon takes Stem Cells from the bone marrow in your hip, and platelets from your blood, which are combined in a machine that Arthrex has invented, and then is inserted with a needle in the knee, or hip, or ankle, or wherever your arthritis is bad. In about 3 days you are feeling pretty good, but in 3 weeks you can do most things you used to do. A friend of mine from Marco Island has a Dad who had the procedure done and in 3 weeks (at 90 years old) the man was riding a bike around the neighborhood! It sounds

truly remarkable. There's never a reaction or rejection because it is your own body supplying the stem cells and platelets. It's amazing how brilliant our inventors and scientists are!

In our May newsletter, Donna wrote about restaurants in our area and planned to continue the trek on Airport and Davis this month, but we put that on hold until next month.

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mortgage, which is forgiven over time, and usually goes away upon payoff of the first mortgage.

Did you know? You do not have to be a citizen of the US to qualify; permanent (green card) residents can also qualify.

The East Naples Civic Association has been discussing these very issues. We are getting ready to take a stand and want your input. Send your feedback, comments and suggestions to East Naples Civic Association, 3823 Tamiami Trail East, PMB #274, Naples, FL 34112 or email info@eastnaplescivic.com. **The more people we hear from, the stronger our voices are heard!**

Celebrate Flag Day June 14!

Maybe if every child met and spoke to one of our courageous military veterans, they would be proud to recite the *Pledge of Allegiance* rather than "opt out!"

East Naples Post Office

No need to drive to Goodlette and wait in long lines, there's a full service post office on Rattlesnake in the DiJuilio's plaza inside the pharmacy!

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