

## **Golden Gate Golf Course Develop It Or Preserve It?**

*Come share your thoughts about trying to preserve this course under county ownership. Ideas and opinions welcome.*

It's back on the table. The owners of the golf course at the corner of Golden Gate Parkway and Collier Boulevard have proposed a County purchase at a cost of \$28 million. The item was discussed at a Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting last month and staff was directed to continue looking into it. The majority of the Commissioners

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were not interested in keeping any part of it as a golf course but develop it with affordable housing, possible VA housing/nursing home if the federal government is still interested, and possibly a mental health facility, etc.

The adjoining residents do not want to see development where their golf course used to be. Commissioner Fiala is not on board with the purchase if not going to have any of it remain a golf course. And we have to ask, why would the County purchase the course with our tax dollars to do the same thing as the owners want to do in the first place and has not been well received by residents.

There are *No Second Chances for an Opportunity* like this. Please try to attend. It affects everyone in the County.

## **Check Thieves - Be Aware**

The Collier County Sheriff's Office has received reports of checks being stolen from mailboxes. These checks are then washed with ink-removing chemicals and rewritten to a new payee for large amounts of money. CCSO offers following tips to help prevent becoming a victim of mail theft/check washing:

Bank online. Refrain from mailing checks, cash, gift cards or other negotiable items if possible. Check with your bank's online services as most offer secure and easy-to-use phone apps.

If you must send a check in the mail, use a gel pen to write checks as ballpoint pen ink can be easily washed off a check.

Drop off mail at the post office. Take mail containing checks directly to the post office counter to be mailed, and record the names of the postal employees who take the check in case an issue arises later on.

Use plain white envelopes to mail checks. Do not use return envelopes with the utility logo or municipality for tax payments on them. These tend to be easy targets for thieves.

Monitor bank activity. Check bank activity online and review bank statements as soon as they are received to check for discrepancies.

See something, say something. Be sure to call 911 if you see any suspicious activity near any mailbox. Report the theft. If you have been a victim of mail theft, call the United States Postal Inspectors Service at 877-876-2455 and choose option 4.

## **ENCA March Luncheon Featuring Mark Strain**



### **Collier County Hearing Examiner & Chairman, Planning Commission**

Mark Strain's experience in construction, development planning, and land use spans over 40 years, most of which has been in Collier County.

Prior to working for the Board of County Commissioners, his career included all aspects of land use from feasibility, due diligence and land acquisition, to complete project planning and permitting at all levels of government; managing the installation of miles of roads and infrastructure and finally to vertical build out and turnover.

On September 11, 2001 Mark was appointed to the Collier County Planning Commission. In 2005 he was elected Chairman and has remained in that position for the past 14 years. In addition, in the spring of 2013 Mark was hired as Collier County's first Hearing Examiner working under contract for the Board of County Commissioners.

**Thursday, March 21, 2019  
11:30am - 1:00pm**

**The Players Club at Lely Resort  
8060 Grand Lely Dr., Naples, FL 34113  
Members \$22 Non-Members \$25**

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

**We now accept credit card payments online at the time you make your reservations.** Checks and cash only accepted at the door.

## ENCA Reaching Out To HOA's

The ENCA Board of Directors is reaching out to our area Homeowner Associations (HOA's) to make them more aware of what is happening in East Naples, what issues ENCA is working on to improve our great little part of the County, and what our residents can do to help make it even better for the future.

This month, presentations will be at Isles of Collier and Treviso Bay. If you'd like to have a presentation at one of your HOA meetings, please contact Jacob Winge, ENCA President, at [info@eastnaplescivic.com](mailto:info@eastnaplescivic.com).

## Just Dial 311

Making it easier to connect with county government, Collier 311 provides a quick and convenient way to get information about non-emergency government services and programs or to report problems that need to be addressed.

Collier 311 also allows citizens to report new issues using their smartphone's GPS and camera capabilities to accurately pinpoint the location of the issue and to include photos and comments.

Collier 311 Service Requests may be submitted through the website or the mobile app at any time. Customer Service Representatives are available by dialing 311 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday - Friday with the exception of holidays. Service Requests will be processed during regular business hours.

Download the Collier 311 mobile application from the app store; or go to their website at <http://colliercountyfl.qscend.com/311/request/add>; or by phone dial 311.

## ENCA Sponsors Lely High School National Honor Society Dinner

The East Naples Civic Association Board of Directors voted to be a Gold sponsor for the Lely High School National Honor Society Top 100 Dinner recognizing the top 25 students from each grade.

"The Top 100 dinner is such a great event. It honors our top students and motivates all of our students to push themselves further than they might otherwise do. It is an important part of our initiative to increase our students' drive to excel," Kim Butun, M.A., AP Psychology & US History Honors, Lely High National Honor Society Adviser.

The dinner will be held May 15, 2019. If you'd like to be a sponsor, the information is in the ENCA February 2019 newsletter on our website. Sponsorships are \$50 (Bronze), \$100 (Silver), and \$200 (Gold).

## YOU Need YOU! WE Need YOU! Time To Renew Or Join ENCA Today!

Help us represent you, the residents and businesses of East Naples with one united voice.

Join or renew online and pay by credit card at [www.EastNaplesCivic.com](http://www.EastNaplesCivic.com) or use the attached membership form. **Let us know if you'd like to help out and work on a committee too!** 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 ENCA today! **You Need you! We Need You!**

## Bayshore Adds More Fun & Color!

**Bean to Cup Coffee Lounge** has recently opened at 3248 Bayshore Drive. Melody Teague and Dean Ramos have created a wonderfully relaxing Coffee Lounge. The Lounge is on the south end of the Gardenia Building on Bayshore Drive, and serves gourmet coffee, french press, smoothies, juices, and assorted baked goods. The wife/husband team, Melody and Dean, recreated the interior space with an eclectic coffee theme. In addition, there is waterfront outdoor seating on the Haldemann Creek saltwater canal. Hours: M-TH 7-3, Friday 7-4, Sat. 7-3. Sun. 8-2pm. A great place to begin your day!!  
#beantocupcoffeelounge



**The Best Popcorn Company** has opened at 6023 Bayshore Drive. You may know Best Popcorn from the 3rd Street South Farmers Market. Also, a family run business, owner/operators Sharon Kurgis, Kevin Kurgis, and John Kurgis have built an inviting store to satisfy your sweet tooth! They serve gourmet popcorn, ice cream, fresh salt water taffy, fudge, and chocolates. They also cater to weddings and other social events. Some items can be shipped nationwide. Best Popcorn is just south of the Botanical Gardens and open Tuesday - Sunday 12-6pm.  
[www.bestpopcorncompany.com](http://www.bestpopcorncompany.com)



## Courthouse Shadows Gets a Bit of New Life...The Irish Kind

A big welcome to the newest sit-down restaurant coming to East Naples, the Crooked Shillelagh (Shih-LAY-lee) Celtic Kitchen & Drinkery scheduled to open this month with hopes it's by St. Patrick's Day. They will occupy the former Gavel Grill across from the government center.



**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**East Naples Town Hall Meeting**  
presented by Commissioner Donna Fiala  
with guests from County & FDOT  
Wednesday, March 27, 2019 6:00pm  
South Regional Library  
8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy,  
Naples, FL 34113



## Golden Gate Area Civic Association

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## ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF EAST NAPLES?

If you are, the East Naples Civic Association would like to have you as a member. You will find socializing with other interested and caring people gratifying.

***ENCA Members participate in local organizations in East Naples such as:***

- East Naples Kiwanis • Friends of the Library • Cultural and Performing Arts Centre
- Champions for Learning • Latchkey League • East Naples Foundation • Naples Botanical Gardens
- East Naples Merchants' Association • NAF Advisory Board for Collier County Schools
- Junior Achievement • Lely High School Incubator Program

Please join us to help make East Naples a better, safer community. Complete the application below, enclose your check and mail in.

Membership is open to all residents/businesses of East Naples and others interested in supporting the future of East Naples.

Follow us on  at [www.facebook.com/eastnaplescivic](http://www.facebook.com/eastnaplescivic)

New Application       Renewal       Address Change      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Dues (check the one that applies):     Single \$25     Couple \$30     Business \$60

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_ Interested in Volunteering     YES     NO

Mail checks to:  
East Naples Civic Association  
PMB #49  
8595 Collier Blvd., Suite 107  
Naples, FL 34114  
[www.EastNaplesCivic.com](http://www.EastNaplesCivic.com)

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