

Commissioners Approve Bembridge, Nix Manatee

At the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, without any objections from the public, they approved the five acre Bembridge site on Santa Barbara to move forward on building low income housing.

On Manatee Park, there were many speakers, including several from ENCA, not in favor of using the park lands for anything except a park. After discussion and debate the commissioners decided to not move forward on this parcel.

Also at the meeting, the Stormwater Fee issue was on the agenda, which we will be watching closely.

Veteran Services Assistance Benefits Presentations

The Collier County Public Library will host the Collier County Veteran Services with Veteran Assistance (VA) benefits presentations during the month of December. Join Collier County Veteran Services Officer Irene Johnson in one-hour presentations on the following topics:

Veteran Benefits Basics: An overview of Veteran Assistance (VA) benefits related to Service Members, Veterans, and eligible dependents of a deceased or disabled Veteran Service Member. General overview of VA health care, compensation, pension, education, home loan, and burial and memorial benefits.

Veterans and Surviving Spouses Aid and Attendance VA Benefits: Great benefits available to

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It's Santa Run Time...Join The Fun!

For the 30th year, the annual ENCA Santa Run will be held on Saturday, December 15th beginning at 9:00am at Parkside

Elementary School. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fun! We meet at the school (gates open at 8:00am) and then drive through Naples Manor handing out candy to all the children. Decorate your car, dress up in the holiday spirit, and head on over to join us in this fun parade. If you'd like more info on joining us, send an email to info@eastnaplescivic.com



Sponsored by East Naples Civic Association, East Naples Foundation, East Naples Kiwanis, Greater Naples Fire Department, Collier County Sheriff's Office, and a special thanks to the Naples Lakes Ladies who bag the candy every year.

ENCA December Holiday Concert Luncheon

The December 20th, 2018 ENCA Luncheon will feature Jodie DeSalvo, Renowned Pianist & Music Director at Unity Church, for a Holiday Concert. She will be joined by a choir too!

Jodie DeSalvo, is an internationally acclaimed concert pianist who has performed with orchestras worldwide as soloist and in recital. A frequent guest performer with the Naples Philharmonic, she has also made her New York debut at Carnegie Hall and appeared at Lincoln Center. She currently is in her 11th season at Artis Naples as recitalist/lecturer and is also Director of Fine Arts at Seacrest Country Day School. Jodie has recorded and produced ten CDs ranging from classical to jazz to choral music.



Bring a Seniors Gift

To celebrate the season of giving we are asking that each member please bring a wrapped gift with them to the luncheon for a local homebound Senior. ENCA is proud to partner with Collier County to provide seniors in East Naples with a Christmas gift...for some this may be the only gift they receive.

Seniors are appreciative for any gift but favorites include gift cards to Walmart, restaurants that deliver, socks, slippers, bathrobes, lotion, large print books, crossword books, jewelry, cologne/perfume. **Important Note: Please tag each gift securely with Male or Female and size for gifts of clothing.**

December 20, 2018

11:30am - 1:00pm

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

Please RSVP with your reservations and/or cancellations for the monthly luncheons 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>.

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

Please note: Let us know as soon as possible if you cannot make it after reserving your seat. We have to pay for the number we give them and this would come from the scholarship monies. Thank you in advance.

ENCA Now Accepting Credit Card Payments Online For Memberships

Along with accepting credit cards online for luncheons and events, you can now pay for your ENCA membership or renewal with your credit card online too. Just go to www.eastnaplescivic.com and click on Join ENCA. Please fill out the membership form then you will be taken to the payment page.

Or if you prefer you can still mail checks to ENCA, PMB #49, 8595 Collier Blvd., Suite 107, Naples, FL 34114. There's a pdf form on the website.

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qualifying Veterans and surviving spouses who require a caregiver or assisted living/nursing home care. This financial needs-based program provides money to assist in paying for caregivers and/or assisted living fees. Find out if the VA can assist you in paying for caregivers and/or assisted living fees.

Veteran Benefits Basics:

Tuesday, December 11, 4 p.m., So. Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway, (239) 252-7542

Wednesday, December 12, 10 a.m.

Marco Island Branch Library, 210 S. Heathwood Drive (239) 394-3272

Veterans and Surviving Spouses Aid and Attendance VA Benefits:

Thursday, December 13, 2 p.m., East Naples Branch Library, 8787 Tamiami Trail East (239) 775-5592

Wednesday, December 19, 11 a.m.

Marco Island Branch Library, 210 S. Heathwood Drive (239) 394-3272

Additional sessions are scheduled for January and February 2019. For more information about these events and other programs at the Collier County Public Library, visit www.collierlibrary.org/

Mark Your Calendar!

Mark your calendar for the ENCA 2019 Annual Banquet to be held the evening of Thursday, January 24, 2019 at The Arlington. Invitations will be sent out soon with more details. A big thanks goes out to our Platinum Sponsor, The Arlington, for hosting us once again for this fun event!



1% County Sales Tax Starts January 1, 2019

Get ready to start paying 1% more on goods purchased beginning January 1, 2019 the county voters approved in November.

In November 2018, nearly 51 percent of Collier County electors approved the One-Cent Infrastructure Sales Surtax on the General Election Ballot. Interestingly, the majority of yes votes came from the east side of the city and Immokalee with the majority of no votes coming from the city, along the beach to the north, and Golden Gate.

The Department of Revenue is preparing to mail information to each registered business in Collier County informing them of the new tax and providing guidance for business owners. The anticipated delivery of these packets is the first week of December.

The Department of Revenue has published a Business Owner's Guide for Sales and Use Tax that can be found at http://floridarevenue.com/Forms_library/current/gt300015.pdf.

Charitable Giving

We are pleased to announce a \$1,000 donation was made to the Lely High School Band.

We also adopted 12 ducks for The Great Duck Race and Water Safety Festival at Sun & Fun Lagoon on February 2, 2018. All proceeds benefit The NCH Safe and Healthy Children's Coalition. The ENCA Board will be proud parents and our contribution will go a long way for children in Collier County. If

It's 2019 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 events to help raise monies for scholarships and other children's programs.

Now is a very important time for East Naples!

We are working on East Naples Community Master Plan with the County, Affordable Housing Issues, US41 Corridor Wants & Needs, and more!

Annual Membership: \$25 Single; \$30 Couple; \$60 Business. Join or renew online and pay by credit card or download the online membership form at www.EastNaplesCivic.com and mail to ENCA, PMB #49, 8595 Collier Blvd., Suite 107, Naples FL 34114. **Let us know if you'd like to help out and work on a committee too!** We need 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 ENCA today!

Announcing FY 2019-2020 SHIP and HUD Application Cycle

The Collier County Community and Human Services Department (CHS) announces the opening of the FY 2019-2020 grant application cycle. During FY 2019-2020, Collier County is scheduled to receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. In addition, Collier County will receive an annual allocation of State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) funds.

The application period for State and Federal grants to benefit low- and moderate-income persons or households who earn at or below 80% of the median income (income limits are \$39,040 for family of one up to \$60,240 for family of 5) will begin on Friday, January 4, 2019 and will continue until 12:00 noon on Monday, February 11, 2019. Between March 13-22, 2019 Conditional Approval letters will be sent to applicants/subrecipients.

For more information and an application please contact Cormac Giblin at (239) 252-2399 or email Cormac.Giblin@colliercountyfl.gov.

one of our ducks wins the race, that will bring another \$10,000 for charitable giving. Fingers crossed!

"It is truly heartwarming to give back to our community!" Shirley Calhoun, ENCA President.