

On the Calendar...

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

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

Monday, February 3 - Affordable Housing & ULI Meeting, Public Presentation ULI Review & Preliminary Recommendations, 9:00am, Commission Chambers

Saturday, February 4 - Mayflower Church 4th Annual Big Garage Sale, 8:00am-1:00pm, 2900 County Barn Rd. Live Band - New Horizons 10:00am

Tuesday, February 7 - Collier County School Board, 4:30pm, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Administration Center

Tuesday, February 14 - Happy Valentine's Day

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

Tuesday, February 14 - Greater Naples Fire District, 5:30pm, GNFD HQ, 14575 Collier Blvd

Thursday, February 16 - East Naples Task Force Meeting, 1:30pm, East Naples Community Park

Thursday, February 16 - East Naples Civic Association Monthly Luncheon, 11:30am, Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club

Wednesday, February 22 - Greater Naples Fire District Fully Involved Community Meeting, 9:30-10:30am, GNFD HQ, 14575 Collier Blvd

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

East Naples Civic Association

Established 1950

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ENCA February Luncheon Please join us for the upcoming luncheon featuring



Kent Shoemaker
Lipman Farms CEO

Thursday, February 16, 2017
11:30am - 1:00pm

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

**Special Thanks to Our Platinum
Event Sponsor For the 2017 ENCA
Annual Banquet!**

Jim Ludwig Named ENCA Citizen of the Year!

At the 2017 ENCA Annual Banquet, Jim Ludwig, was presented with the ENCA Citizen of the Year Award. Jim Ludwig, is the Founder and Executive Director of Pickleball For All, a non-profit organization that introduces the sport of Pickleball to kids and adults. Their goal is to instill encouragement, integrity, strength of character, and a strong sense of self in mind, body, and spirit. Jim is also known as the Collier County Mayor of Pickleball for all he has contributed to bring pickleball to the forefront of our community.



ENCA Citizen of the Year, Jim Ludwig; his wife Carol; Commissioner Donna Fiala; and ENCA President Christopher Shucart

Jim advises and coordinates the pickleball needs through the Parks & Rec department. He was adamant about hosting the first-ever US Pickleball Open right here in East Naples, for which the county agreed after suggesting other parks in the County.

With his help and fortitude, East Naples Community Park, has transformed over the past year and a half to become

Message From the President

Dear East Naples Civic Association, It has been a pleasure to represent the East Naples Civic Association over the last year as its president and I am honored and humbled to be able represent the organization over the upcoming 2017 year.

2016 has been a wonderful year for ENCA and here are just a few of our many accomplishments:

what some might call, the Pickleball Park. "I'd like East Naples to become known as the Pickleball Capital of the World," commented Jim. "We had a three year contract to host the US Open and it has already been extended to five years!" Minto is the major sponsor and they have also renewed their sponsorship.

The company responsible for creating and running the US Open Pickleball Championships, Spirit Promotions, recently launched the US OPEN Pickleball Academy which offers destina-

tion camps, day clinics, lessons and leagues all with world-class instructors.

Jim is also the District Ambassador of USAPA (USA Pickleball Association), an organization with 14,000 members.

Without Jim Ludwig, we may never have seen Pickleball come this far in East Naples. We are forever grateful and could not have chosen a better person to be Citizen of the Year!

Quote of the Month

"A valentine is a gift to the heart, a friend to the spirit, a golden thread to the weaving of life." Author Unknown

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The Arlington Hosts ENCA Annual Banquet

The Arlington was this year's host for the ENCA 2017 Annual Banquet. We thank them for all they did to make this event the best ever!

With over 70 people attending, the event was a big success.

2017 ENCA Board of Directors were nominated and elected at the banquet. They are Ted Beisler, Russ Burland, Tom Cannon, Neil Curley, George Danz, Donna Fiala, Barry Gernestein, Jim Gibson, John Hooley, Jean Kungle, Gina Lostracco, Jeffrey Macasevich, Nancy Markham, James Pusateri, and Christopher Shucart

Elected Officers are Christopher Shucart, President; Jeffrey Macasevich, Vice President; Tom Cannon, Treasurer, and Gina Lostracco, Secretary. And long time members Director Emeritus: Bob Murray, Norm Reinertson, Tony Zeman.

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providing our luncheon guest and speakers with exceptional service. Please note February's featured luncheon speaker is the Mr. Kent Shoemaker, CEO of Lipman Family Farms. Lipman Family Farms is the largest open field tomato grower in North American whose headquarters is in Immokalee. One of their largest farms (+/- 6,000 acres) is right here in East Naples. Please plan to attend and show our support of this wonderful locally owned and operated company.

3. The ENCA board formed a task force to look into Collier County purchasing a golf course in order to keep that asset open to the public in perpetuity as well as provide affordable rounds of golf to all Collier County residents. Lee County and many other municipalities own and operate golf courses.

We want to thank all those who donated silent auction items: Hilton Naples, Garibaldi Restaurant & Bakery, Massage Heights Body & Face, Foxfire Country Club, Cedar Hammock Country Club, Naples Heritage Country Club, Royal Palm Country Club, Bonita National Golf & Country Club, TPC Treviso Bay, Wyndemere Country Club, Sweet Liberty Catamaran, Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club, Botanical Gardens, Pelican Larry's Raw Bar & Grill, Rochelle Shucart Photography, Encompass Magazine, Maureen Drum, Fuller Funeral Home, Mitch's Cookies & Ice Cream Cafe, WeCare for Seniors, and thank you to Landscaper's Choice and Floral Designs by Heidi for the centerpieces.

We also thank everyone that bid on the auction items...without the donors and the bidders, we could not have raised the monies needed for the ENCA Scholarship Fund.

Collier County does NOT and we believe that a public course owned and operated by the Collier County Parks & Recreation Department would be a great asset to all Collier County residents.

4. Our annual Santa Run was well attended by East Naples Civic members, East Naples Kiwanis members, Collier County Sheriff's department, Greater Naples Fire & Rescue as well as Parkside Elementary teachers & supporters. The event provided many smiles to well deserving children in the Naples Manor neighborhood. Thank you to Mr. Ted Beisler who coordinates all the details of the event and a BIG thank you to the ladies of Naples Lakes Country Club for all the time and effort they put forth in helping to make the event possible every year.

5. We have met with executives from Habitat for Humanity in order to work with them on raising the quality of their existing neighborhoods. We will continue those conversations in 2017 in hopes of raising the quality in which their neighborhoods are maintained.

6. Two college scholarships were awarded in 2016 to East Naples students. The funding for these scholarships are

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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!

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Eric Edwards
Ken Krawczyk
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Joyce Fletcher and Tom Watts
Bob and Loretta Murray
Jim and Jacqueline Pusateri
Walter Andruzka
Anne Marie Bularzik

provided in large part from the 50/50 raffles at our luncheons and annual banquet. Thank you to all of our membership and attendees who support this great cause.

All of the above could not have been possible without our tremendous ENCA board. Thank you to our 2016 ENCA Board: Ted Beisler, Russ Burland, Tom Cannon (Treasurer), Neil Curley, George Danz, Commissioner Donna Fiala, Barry Gernestein, John Hooley, Jean Kungle, Jeff Macasevich (VP), Nancy Markham, Barbara Miller (Secretary), and Jim Pusateri. Thank you all for your efforts in helping to make East Naples a better place to live, work, and do business.

NEW ENCA MAILING ADDRESS

ENCA mail has been going to PakMail post office box in the Town Centre for years, but they have closed permanently. Our new mailing address is: ENCA, c/o JCS Realty Group, 11502 Tamiami Trail East 34113.

Around Town With Donna Fiala

A reporter called me to ask some questions about the corridor study, and some of the information came out a little exaggerated by the time it went from person to person, so let me tell you about the East Naples I love, where I raised my children, where my children attended school, and where I still reside, 43 years later.

I bet you didn't know about all the good things we have hidden away right here in East Naples. We have a 4-year

college and a hospital right here in E.N. We have an airport (called the Marco Airport) on Mainsail Drive off of Collier Blvd. and we have a community with their own landing strip and taxiway leading to their own hanger in their home for their private plane. Pretty nice! You take off for work in another state or county and come back in time for dinner!

We have TWO Motor Coach Resorts – these are magnificent places to park your customized buses that you live in while here. These communities are gated, but once you are invited inside by a friend, you never want to leave because they are so beautiful. We have four different types of grocery stores: Publix, of course; then Lucky's Organic Market, The Fresh Market, and Oakes Farms! All within easy driving distance. We have added a few restaurants (although we could always use more) like the white tablecloth and crystal goblet "21 Spices by Chef Asif" with marvelous Indian food, or the unbeatable favorite "Eurasia" – with the most delectable steaks and seafood, Italian and Vietnamese food you ever tasted. We have the ever lovin' DiJulio's Italian Restaurant, and Erin's Isle by my wonderful friend, Mike Ward. There is Bill's Steak and Seafood and entertainment, and Rib City, the wildly popular Taco's and Tequila's, and the friendly Italian Aldo's. We have an Outback Steakhouse and a Carrabba's (I've heard they are the second most popular in the Carrabba's Chain). If you like Italian, we have others to choose from such as Brunina's and Luigi's, and then there is Burger Fi (ever so popular) and Hoot's and now we have a Skillet's! Yes, we also have Panera Bread. All of these restaurants thrive vividly because there are so many of us who do not want to leave this part of town. And did I mention 360 Market on Bayshore? People come from Bonita just to eat there! Good food reaches far places. I hope more restaurants discover this part of town and we show them our genuine hospitality and friendliness. And did I mention there are a lot of retirees here who are done cooking and want to eat out every night?

Now we have a Michael's Craft Shop and a Hobby Lobby! And we have a really nice Beall's and an Anthony's Women clothing store, and even a Ross and a Steinmart!

Our upscale communities have plenty of nature and preserve within, which makes them prized communities. Shall I mention Lely Resort, Eagle Creek, Fiddler's Creek, Isles of Collier Preserve, Forest Glen, Naples Lakes Country Club, Naples Reserve, Treviso Bay, Verona Walk, Winding Cypress, and of course we have Lely Golf

Estates, Lely Country Club Estates, Reflection Lakes, King's Lake, Countryside, Foxfire, Falling Waters, and, oh my goodness, so many more. I really don't think the realtors and restaurateurs and retail merchants realize all the wonderful areas that make up East Naples. AND – we attach by a bridge to Marco Island (for more shoppers and dining patrons) and another bridge to Isles of Capri and then by a road to Golden Gate Estates. I don't think the merchants realize how close we are to all of these communities who also shop and eat out.

Shortly we will have our new Porsche Dealership, which is moving from the City of Naples to our own East Naples. We are the home to the largest number of Pickleball fields in the county, and the home to the U. S. Open Pickleball Championships! Who could ask for anything more? What else can I tell you about my community? I love living here and I love the people who live here. You'll find a lot of mid-westerners have moved to this area, especially from Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Minnesota, Illinois, and many Canadians. Of course other states have found us also, and we welcome them. I could go on and on, but this is the East Naples I love and am devoted to.

ENCA Toy Drive



At the December ENCA Luncheon, we asked everyone to bring a sports related gift for the East Naples Middle School students. We received an overwhelming response and we want to thank everyone for their generous support! We really appreciate our members stepping up to the plate when needed.

Win A Free ENCA Lunch!

Do you know what or where this photo depicts in East Naples? Be the first to email the correct answer and your next ENCA Monthly Luncheon is on us! Each month we'll publish a new photo from the East Naples area. One winner per month. Email your best guess to info@eastnaplescivic.com.



December Photo Winner!

Angie Davis was the winner! It was Barrington Terrace. Why not give it a try this month?

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