

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NAPLES

AN INSIDE LOOK AT CURRENT & FUTURE PROJECTS

TRACKING HURRICANE DORIAN

The Association is closely tracking Hurricane Dorian and will update you on the potential impacts of the storm over the next few days. While the east coast of Florida is likely to be most heavily impacted, there is always a chance that the storm's path may change. Please take the necessary precautions, and ensure that your homes are protected and stocked with the essentials. We are in close communication with City officials and emergency personnel, who are prepared and ready should the storm affect Naples. We will also continue to utilize our website as an information hub with frequent postings on current events. Please always reach out via our office phone or email should you have any questions or comments and we'd be delighted to help you. 239.261.6472 or email Jenna at jheiderman@portroyalpoa.com. [LEARN MORE HERE.](#)



BEACH RENOURISHMENT

Collier County Commissioners unanimously approved a \$5.5M beach renourishment project for three beaches in north Naples starting this Fall. The project, which will span 2.5 miles of shoreline, will bring nearly 130,000 cubic yards of sand from a mine in Immokalee to Clam Pass, North Park Shore and Park Shore beaches over a two-month period. [Read more about this project HERE.](#)

COVE STORMWATER PROJECT

The Cove Stormwater Pump Station at the intersection of Broad Ave. S and 9th Street S is undergoing a massive and necessary improvement. Stormwater runoff (including fertilizer chemicals, pesticides, oil projects from vehicles, etc.) is greatly contributing to the levels of toxicity in Naples Bay. The City has initiated this outfall project to proactively reduce the amount of pollution entering the Bay. The City will be dredging and disposing of sediment and material that has accumulated at the terminus of the Pump Station stormwater outfall into Naples Bay; designing and permitting a detention/settling basin within the submerged lands dedicated to the City, which will allow for future removal of accumulated material through a standardized maintenance approach designed to minimize costs, time, and neighborhood impacts. Lastly, the City will also be building a "living shoreline" – essentially oyster reefs – which will help filter the nutrients through the water before it is discharged into the bay. [Learn more HERE.](#)



8TH STREET CORRIDOR



The 8th Street Corridor Improvement Project, which extends from 5th Avenue South to 7th Avenue North and includes 3rd Avenue South from 8th Street to 9th Street (US41), is well underway. The project includes roadway, sidewalk, utility, and drainage improvements as well as a roundabout at the intersection of 3rd Avenue South and 8th Street South. The construction has been broken up into 2 phases: Phase 1 (5th Avenue South to Central Avenue) has a substantial completion of Thanksgiving 2019; Phase 2 will commence after season in 2020 and will include the north section from Central Avenue to 7th Avenue North. Learn more [HERE](#).

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

The City recently kicked off what will be a five-year project to restore and refurbish the City's bridges. They've just started with the Harbour Drive bridge in the Moorings, which is in need of significant repairs. Our very own Galleon Bridge is on this list and will undergo a massive overhaul in the coming years.



NAPLES BEACH HOTEL



The Planning Department is currently undergoing an extensive administrative site plan review of the new Naples Beach Hotel project to ensure that all plans are compliant with the City's code. The City is doing a cursory review prior to an official submittal to guide the hotel designers through the code process. They are also closely considering the proposed conditional uses and deviations in terms of building heights, parking, and others to gain a better understanding of the developers plans and intentions. The project is said to be going before the Planning Advisory Board in October, and then to City Council in November for preliminary approvals. The Naples Beach Hotel is slated to close its operations in the summer of 2021. Demolition will begin in 2022, and construction commencement for the new development is projected for 2023.

ROAD RESURFACING

The City is resurfacing several streets in the City as part of this years Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Budget allocation. 14th Avenue South, 15th Avenue South, and 16th Avenue South between Gulfshore Boulevard and Gordon Drive will be repaved, as well as Gulfshore Boulevard South between 12th Avenue South and 20th Avenue South. Please take note of these road closures when driving.



BAY CLUB OF NAPLES



The proposed luxury condominium project at The Bay Club has not made any progress in several months, and has been a long and arduous problem for the city. The site is behind the Dock at Crayton Cove restaurant and catty-corner to Bleu Provence. It has been an eye sore for months. The City essentially condemned the building and will completely demolish it in the coming weeks. In October, the City halted construction in the middle of the massive renovation due to concerns of improper demolition and several code violations. The City Attorney said that the developer was supposed to make minimal repairs but instead, virtually removed the top two floors of the building. There were many issues with the developer, and the city ultimately imposed a \$35,000 lien on the property for unpaid fines, and additional fines have been accrued. The City Manager informed us that the City declared the site a public safety threat and have taken over for immediate demolition. More on this project [HERE](#).

PHISHING ATTACK

This summer, highly sophisticated and professional scammers have targeted the City of Naples, as well as other entities throughout Collier and Lee Counties, in large scale cyber-attacks. The City says the attack resulted in the loss of \$700,000. Spear phishing is the fraudulent practice of sending emails ostensibly from a trusted source to induce targeted individuals to reveal confidential information. In the City's case, an email was sent to the City posing as one of their contracted vendors relaying a fake change of banking request. The funds were then paid to the scammers bank account. City Manager Charles Chapman said this was an isolated attack, and there was no breach in the City's data systems. The City has since made improvements to their information technology systems and financial protocols as an added level of security. Read more [HERE](#).

