



NEWS FROM YOUR ASSOCIATION

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NATURAL GAS + FIBER OPTICS

The Association continues to work with TECO Natural Gas and CenturyLink to bring these services to Port Royal. We have learned that the process will be relatively lengthy, as the project is intricate and must be carefully engineered, but the City's Streets & Stormwater Department is assisting us with the details and implementation. Over the summer months, the Association will continue to prioritize this project. As we move forward and TECO is engineering the size of the system, they would be interested in knowing which gas appliances would be intended for utilization (i.e. range, oven, water heating, clothes drying, outdoor fireplace, etc.) It is important that TECO size the system correctly to avoid any attendant issues down the line. Please click [HERE](#) to provide your interest in this project and which appliances you would consider for natural gas utilization. Your input is essential for the approval of this project.

Hot baths, warm towels and perfect meals. Plus energy savings and reliability, too.



NATURAL GAS WATER HEATING

- Heats water up to twice as fast as electricity was & may provide comfort during a power outage
- Tankless technology heats water on demand and is up to 40% more energy efficient
- Tankless models are durable, lasting 20 years on average.

Earn up to \$675 for tankless water heaters and \$550 for tank-style units.

NATURAL GAS HOME HEATING

- Maximum efficiency - today's models are up to 98% efficient
- Enhanced comfort with air up to 25 degrees warmer than an electric heat pump

Earn up to \$725 for central heating or wall furnace

NATURAL GAS CLOTHES DRYING

- Clothes dry nearly twice as fast - saving money, energy and time

Earn up to \$150

NATURAL GAS COOKING

- Cook with the precise temperature control preferred by most professional chefs
- An easy style and performance upgrade for the heart of your home
- Instant on and off provides the ultimate in convenience and control

Earn up to \$200 for indoor cooktop, range stove or oven

NATURAL GAS FIREPLACE

- Ambiance with exceptional comfort and convenience
- Enhanced air quality over wood burning

NATURAL GAS OUTDOOR LIVING

- Convenient, clean grilling for endless entertaining
- Lighting adds timeless charm without attracting bugs
- Extend the swim season with energy efficient pool and spa heating



GULF SHORE BOULEVARD BEACH OUTFALL PROJECT + PROPOSED BIKE LANES



On Wednesday, June 3rd, the Naples City Council reviewed the City's beach outfall and water quality improvement project, specific to Gulf Shore Boulevard, which was brought before the previous Council in February of 2020 for deliberation. The project, which addresses water quality, flooding, and coastal resiliency, was designed to replace the beach outfall pipes along a stretch of Gulf Shore Boulevard (from South Golf Drive to 2nd Avenue South) in an effort to properly manage stormwater and repair fundamental drainage pipes leading to the Gulf of Mexico, which are causing significant infrastructure concerns. A new pump station would run a stormwater management system that would discharge treated water more than 1,000 feet out into the Gulf. The City suggests that there have been long-standing concerns from the State's regulatory agencies, City officials and staff, environmental groups, property owners, residents, and visitors that the existing beach outfalls adversely impact beach erosion, lateral beach access, sea turtle nesting habitat, water quality, and beach aesthetics. In addition, the City has experienced significant flooding of Gulf Shore Boulevard and properties during high frequency rainfall events. This important project will not only address the immediate needs of today but will anticipate demands for the future.



In addition to updating the underground infrastructure, the City thought to use this major road restoration as an opportunity to improve the right-of-way areas on the affected stretch of Gulf Shore Boulevard, which would include utility and stormwater infrastructure improvements, flood protection, sidewalk enhancements, landscaping, and bike lanes. You may recall the sensitivity around the City's proposal for bike lanes, which would increase the amount of impervious pavement quite significantly and disrupt landscape and sidewalks for those property owners. The Council voted on Wednesday to reject the bike lane component as part of the beach restoration and water quality improvement project. Instead, the City staff will look at how safety can be improved for bicyclists without implementing a roadway redesign. The Council instructed staff to redirect its focus on refining the water quality plan and consider other options to ensure the project is effective, efficient, and received well by the community and will return at a future public meeting with recommendations.

GORDON PASS DREDGING



The US Army Corps of Engineers will be performing a dredging project in Gordon Pass this month. The contractor will be dredging shoaled areas of the Federal channel (a small section at the west end of Gordon Pass) and placing the excavated materials to the designated beach area south of the pass, on the north end of Keewaydin Island.

TIMELINE OF WORK

- The contractor's barge is currently staged in the south end of Naples Bay (outside the navigation channel), waiting for a Notice to Proceed
- Maintenance dredging will begin on/after June 20, with a work stand-down over July 4th weekend (if work has begun by this time)
- Dredging is expected to take approx. 3 weeks (dependent on weather conditions etc.)

NAPLES CITY BEACHES

The City Council will reconvene in a Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 9th to reevaluate the beach hours and restrictions that have been in place for nearly a month. Until then, beaches will continue to have shortened hours on the weekends (7AM to 11AM and 5PM to sunset) and remain open sunrise through sunset Monday through Friday. The current parking restrictions also remain in place, which only allow City of Naples and Collier County Beach Parking permits. The Police Department is strictly enforcing this and are issuing \$200.00 fines for violators. Chairs, umbrellas, and coolers are now permitted on city beaches seven days a week. Furthermore, the Council canceled the Fourth of July parade and fireworks due to concerns surrounding the spread of Covid-19.



FIREWORKS CANCELLED

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SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON

How You Can Help Save Sea Turtles

TURN OUT THE LIGHTS



Sea turtle hatchlings use the light reflection of the moon to find their way to the water. Artificial light confuses them and directs them inland, instead. Lights on shore can also discourage female adults from nesting on the beach



KNOCK DOWN SAND CASTLES

Flattening sand castles and filling in holes to help eliminate the challenges baby hatchlings must cross on their way to the shore



STAY ALERT WHILE BOATING

Avoid sea turtles while boating. Collision impacts and propellers can result in serious injury or even death of sea turtles



SHOP WITH REUSABLE BAGS

A hungry sea turtle can easily confuse a plastic bag for a jellyfish. If a sea turtle ingests plastic, it can cause a number of issues including a blocked digestive tract, which can lead to death

HUMANS ARE THE GREATEST THREAT TO SEA TURTLES

1 in 1000 WILL SURVIVE TO ADULTHOOD

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE

Hurricane season is officially underway - make sure your family is prepared ahead of time. It is recommended to have at least 7 days of supplies on hand during a Hurricane emergency. Please review the list below for suggestions.

PREPARATION LIST FOR A **HURRICANE SUPPLY KIT**



EMERGENCY

- FLASHLIGHT
- EXTRA BATTERIES
- BATTERY OPERATED RADIO/LANTERN
- CLOCK
- EXTRA BLANKETS
- TENT
- BATTERY OPERATED FANS
- MATCHES
- HAND SANITIZER

FIRST AID

- BAND-AIDS
- PEROXIDE
- BUG SPRAY
- SUNSCREEN
- FEMALE HYGIENE
- DRY SHAMPOO
- SOAP
- PRESCRIPTIONS
- THERMOMETER
- KIDS TYLENOL
- ADULT TYLENOL
- FIRST AID KIT

FOOD

- MANUAL CAN OPENER
- WATER FOR 3 DAYS FOR EACH PERSON
- NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
- CANNED FOOD
- VITAMINS
- DISPOSABLE PLATES AND UTENSILS
- NAPKINS

PETS

- LEASH
- HARNESS
- WATER FOR 3 DAYS FOR EACH PET
- DRY PET FOOD
- FAVORITE TOY
- SHOT RECORDS
- PET BED/BLANKET

ACCESSORIES

- TOILET PAPER
- GARBAGE BAGS
- ZIPLOCK BAGS
- UTILITY GLOVES
- UMBRELLA
- PHONE CHARGER
- PONCHO
- FLARES

PAPERWORK

- ID
- PASSPORT
- WILLS
- INSURANCE PAPERWORK
- MEDICAL CARDS
- VACCINATION RECORDS

FILL UP GAS TANKS IN ALL VEHICLES
FILL UP BATHTUBS WITH WATER
TURN OFF SPRINKLERS/WATER VALVES
BOARD WINDOWS/TAPE WINDOWS
TAKE OUT CASH
SECURE OUTDOOR ITEMS
BRING IN TRASH CANS
TRIM TREE LIMBS