



The Port Royal Times

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Chad N. Ott, President

Greetings! As Thanksgiving draws near, season begins its gradual start. We had a head-fake of cooler fall weather, to borrow a basketball term, but it now seems to be on hold for a bit longer. Naples continues to be a place that attracts a growing number of visitors and residents. This is not only evident in our own community, but abundantly obvious throughout the City and County. With this new paradigm, summers no longer offer respite and winters clearly are at the threshold of maximum utility in terms of infrastructure. The Association continues to work with City Staff and Council to promote solutions to issues impacting our residents. While there appear to be no magic beans, incremental progress on problems such as street congestion and safety continue. Ultimately, the largest factor contributing to improvement seems to be individual commitment to personally reducing congestion. This has occurred through asking your landscape crew to park on your property or in your driveway. Additionally, rescheduling to service days with less localized congestion would be helpful. Speaking with your neighbors and coming up with a neighborhood plan would go a long way towards reducing micro congestion. As this has been a longstanding subject of my comments, I very much appreciate all that has and will be done to make living in our community a better experience. We will continue to work on these and other issues.

One project that developed over the summer is improvements to the crosswalk at the intersection of Gordon Drive and Kings Town

Drive. As you may have noticed, the asphalt has been cut for utilities and the existing crosswalk is poorly identified. Working with City Staff, City Councilor Dee Sulick, and the Club, we designed a new double crosswalk that will tie into the paver sidewalks surrounding the flower beds on the north and south sides of the Kings Town entrance. This improvement will provide a safer and more visible design for those accessing the Club on foot or bike and will significantly improve the aesthetics of this entrance. The Association presented our request for improvements to City Council and received funding support. The project will include milling and replacing the asphalt road surface of the intersection and installing the new sidewalks and signage.

I am occasionally asked what the difference is between Port Royal Port Royal Property Owners' Association and the Lantern Lake Association. Both associations work hard to achieve the stated objectives of their respective organizations. The Port Royal Property Owners' Association is a professionally staffed organization established to preserve, protect, and promote the unique qualities of all Port Royal properties. The Port Royal Property Owners' Association is governed by a board of directors elected by the membership. The Lantern Lake Association was established to protect the unique qualities and wildlife of the properties that surround Lantern Lake. The Lantern Lake Association is governed by a volunteer board of directors who live around the Lake. While both organizations function to meet their specific charters and interests, the Port Royal Property Owners' Association's mandate is broader and includes the properties that surround Lantern Lake as well. When appropriate, both associations work together on specific issues. Actively, the Port Royal Property Owners' Association oversees the architect and builder approval



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process, conducts architectural review of new construction, landscape improvements, and renovation projects, reviews docks and waterways, tends to beautification, and coordinates infrastructure maintenance and improvements. The Port Royal Property Owners’ Association also undertakes intellectual property rights actions, from time to time, to protect the name, image, and other valuable intellectual capital of Port Royal. The authority for these functions is granted through deed restrictions and further defined by the Port Royal specific R1-15A zoning code. The Port Royal Property Owners’ Association is supported by the overwhelming majority of homeowners in Port Royal for a simple reason. The Association’s endeavors support the improvement of Port Royal and protection of property values. Additionally, there are unique benefits available to members that may completely offset the price of membership. Chief among them is the Marsh USA group excess liability insurance program which offers significant premium reductions for excess liability insurance. My goal for the organization, as its president, is 100 percent participation of our homeowners. As a voluntary organization membership is a conscious decision on your part to join. My thanks to the great many of you who join us each year. If you are not presently a member, I encourage you to learn more about the Association and make a positive decision to join. Please see our website www.portroyalpoa.com or feel free to contact Donna or Jenna at the office (239) 261-6472. We welcome your membership.

Of course the ongoing management of work related to the Port Royal community consumes a great deal of time. The lion’s share of credit goes to our office staff. We are fortunate to have the talents of two professionals who oversee the busy day-to-day activities, and keep your board on top of everything. I also wish to thank the many Association directors who have provided considerable time and leadership towards making Port Royal even better. If there is anything we can do for you, please let the office know. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season!



DREDGING UPDATE

Les Goodman, Docks & Shorelines Chair



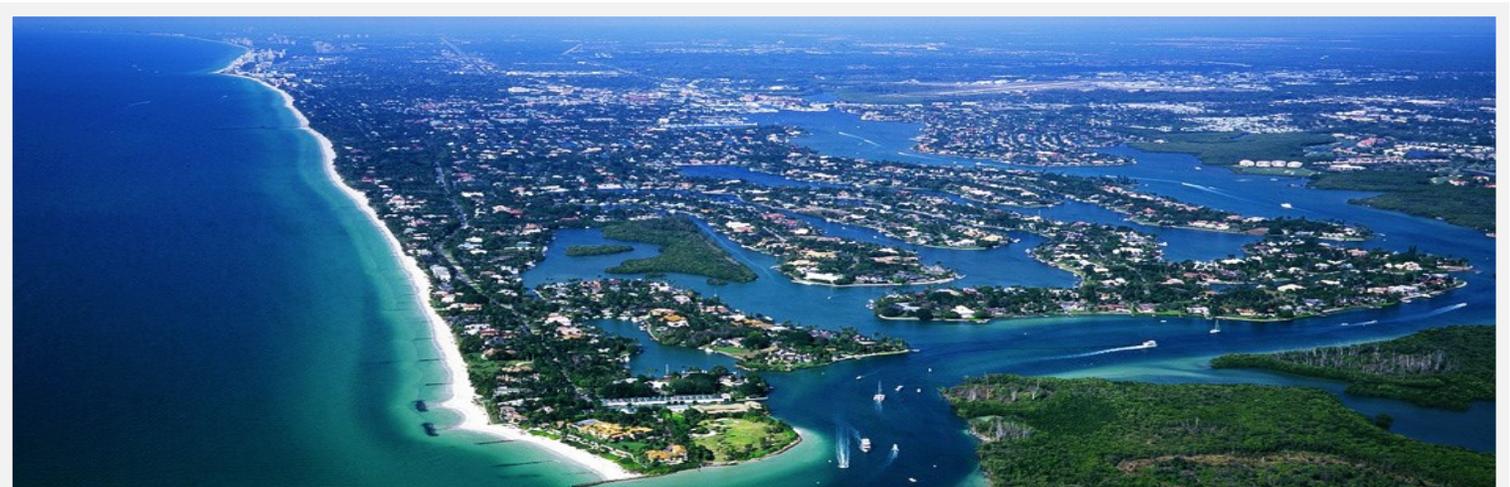
A few *final* comments on the Port Royal Canal Dredging Project. The project is now fully complete in all seven dredge areas: Cutlass Cove, Doubloon Bay Entrance, Doubloon Bay, Harbor Head Entrance, Harbor Head, Galleon Cove and Champney Bay with respect to the Association and its members. There continues to be some activity at the City's dewatering site which does not impact on Port Royal. Below is a chart summarizing the dredge depths for each of the areas:

| Location | Dredge Depth (NAD 83) |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cutlass Cove | -9.3 feet |
| Doubloon Bay Entrance | -11.3 feet |
| Doubloon Bay | -9.3 feet |
| Harbor Head Entrance | -9.3 feet |
| Harbor Head | -8.3 feet |
| Galleon Cove | -10.3 feet |
| Champney Bay | -8.3 feet |

As we have noted previously, this is the first time since the inception of Port Royal that a dredging project of this magnitude has been undertaken. Hopefully, this will last a long time.

Two notes of caution to those who use these waterways. As a result of the dredging, we discovered that a subaqueous power transmission cable owned by Florida Power & Light (FPL) bifurcated the southern portion of Doubloon Bay Circle. The limits of the cable were marked by FPL and a 20 foot wide "no dig" area was designated around the cable. As a result, the dredge templates were modified to increase the dredge depth immediately adjacent (15 feet north and south) to the buffer resulting in the excavation of an added sediment volume of 332 CY, which was equal to that project volume that was excluded within the no-dredge buffer itself. Discussions with FPL regarding the burying of the cable are ongoing, but it is not likely to occur in the near future. In addition, an existing rock outcropping was identified at the southwest corner of the entrance to Galleon Cove. The construction contract did not include rock excavation and the location of the rock was identified as limited to the outer edge of the excavation area.

Again, our thanks to everyone involved in this project. Enjoy our beautiful waterways!





EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Donna Krall

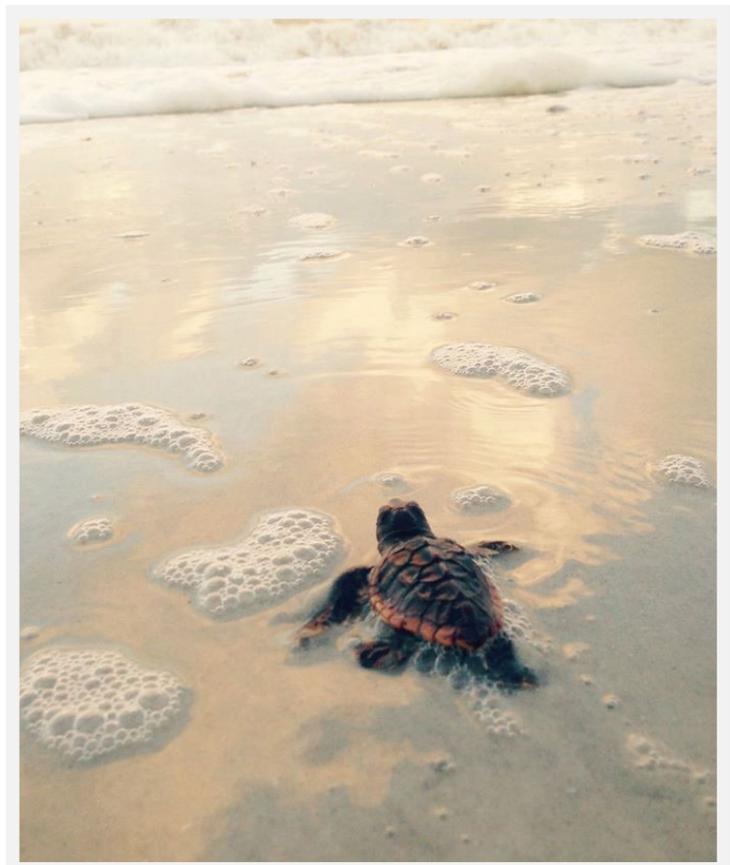
Welcome back to all our residents who travelled during the summer months.

With over 40 new homes under construction in Port Royal, we have had a busy summer and spend a good bit of time every week addressing the review and approvals required. With this increase in construction, the office staff has been working with the contractors and our City Code Enforcement officers to try and keep construction vehicles off the roads and vacant lots. We understand how difficult it is living next to a construction site, so many of our efforts are focused on trying to make a difference in the safety and congestion of our streets. We are very fortunate to have such great support from Casey Sims, Construction Compliance officer, and other partners at the city, including Roger Jacobson and Bill Quincy from Code Enforcement, and Community Policing Officer Buddy Bonollo. They are critical in resolving any problems with traffic on the streets. If you have any concerns, please give us a call and we will work to resolve the matter quickly. Service vehicles are only permitted to park on the streets for a maximum of two consecutive hours per the City Ordinance. Please help make the streets safer by reminding your contractors and service employees to park in your driveway.

The Board of Directors and Architecture Committee have developed several changes to the R1-15A code in order to address some issues that have arisen in the community. We are seeking your feedback prior to sending the request to City Council for consideration. We added a property maintenance section to address the condition of vacant lots and residences. The purpose of this addition is to assure the distinctive beauty of the community is properly maintained and property values are not adversely impacted by neighboring properties. The proposed requirement for vacant lots states that the property must be totally covered with grass or plant material (excluding weeds), and the grass must be maintained no taller than 6 inches. When a home is demolished, we are proposing all old pavement and remains from the previous residence be cleared from the site. Only well-maintained docks and paver driveways are permitted to remain. Most vacant lots in Port Royal are currently maintained to these standards; however there are instances where better care is needed.

For properties with a home, a requirement that the property be maintained free from weeds and overgrowth was added. All structures and driveways should be maintained in good condition free from dirt, mold or other deterioration. We incorporated language from our deed restrictions that related to exterior building materials. If you would like to review the proposed code in more detail, we have posted it on our website and Facebook page. If you have any questions, just give us a call. Did you know that all exterior changes, including paint color changes, require approval by the Association? The Committee developed guidelines for paint colors and gates to better define these important design elements. These guidelines have been added to our website www.portroyalpoa.com and Facebook page.

We appreciate your support and strive to maintain Port Royal as the premier community that it has always been. Please let Jenna or me know if there is there is something we can help you with. We are looking forward to helping you have a safe and healthy season in Naples!





NAPLES DAILY NEWS INTEREST PIECE

First phase of artificial reef construction completed off Naples, Marco Island

October 22, 2015 | Naples Daily News | Eric Staats

A new network of artificial reefs off Collier County's coastline already is making a splash with fish and the anglers and divers who chase them. A public-private partnership has finished what a Naples fisherman and attorney started more than two years ago when he started shopping around the reef idea. The first 500-ton pile of concrete rubble was dumped overboard in January, and the final pile was sunk earlier this month, nine months later to the day. "We're going to keep going," said the reef project's brainchild Peter Flood. "We're not done."

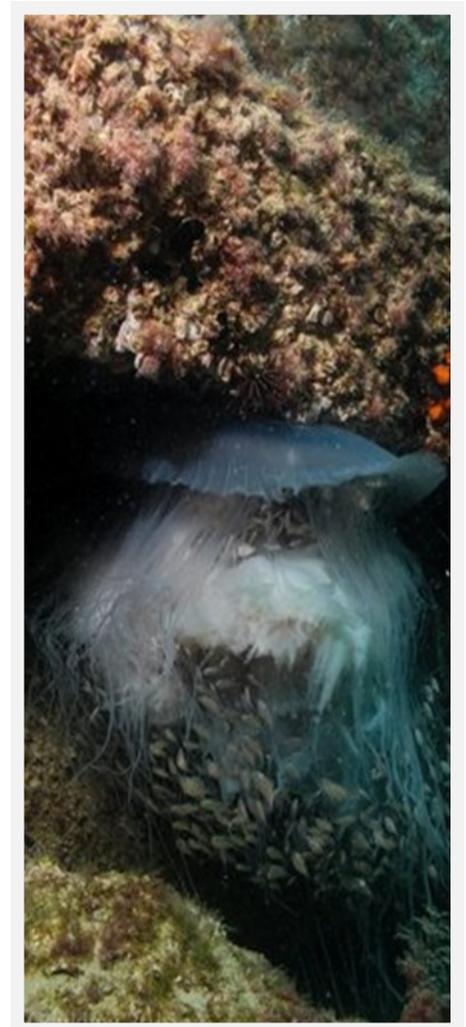
By the end of the month, crews should be finished dropping 29 limestone rock pyramid-shaped reef modules and 60 concrete benches. The city of Naples donated the benches, which had been swapped out with new ones around town.

Then it's on to the next big idea: recruiting artists to design an underwater sculpture park. Money for the reef project has come from \$350,000 in private donations and a \$1.3 million economic recovery grant from BP stemming from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. For \$100,000, donors can put their names on one of the three remaining nameless reefs; for \$2,500, donors can get their names on a module plaque.

Behind the money, though, was a group of volunteers that donated time and talent to a project that became a community cause. "Everybody came together and made it happen," said Diane Flagg, co-chairman of the county's Economic Recovery Task Force, which oversaw the project. She said she's been fielding inquiries about the reefs from as far away as Germany and England and from all over the U.S. One study estimated the reefs would lure \$30 million a year in annual economic impact from anglers and divers coming to Collier County to experience the reefs. They'll have plenty to see, reef monitors said. Plenty of fish — groupers, snappers, lionfish, cobia — have been spotted on the reefs, along with sea turtles, stingrays, jellyfish. "You name it, they're already out there," said SCUBAdiver Bill D'Antuono, who also runs the Naples Spearfishing League. "There's a lot of stuff already showing up."

Krakoon charter captain Bill Goulding, who helped ferry divers to the reef sites for pre- and post-surveys, said they've seen goliath grouper show up within 15 minutes of a reef module hitting the Gulf's sandy bottom. Give it a couple months, and reefs already are covered with corals and sponges, he said. "A lot of these things are like magnets for fish," Goulding said. Flood, who first pitched the reef idea, said the organizers' goal was to build a world-class reef system without using taxpayer money. "I think we're there," he said. "I really do."

A public-private partnership is finishing a massive project to build 36 artificial reefs off the Collier County coastline. Crews have finished building 36 artificial reefs out of concrete rubble dumped in six new reef areas in the Gulf of Mexico off Naples and Marco Island. Visit the [Naples Daily News article](#) for information on how to get to the reefs.





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Garbage is picked up on Monday and Thursdays between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The best method for garbage collection is to have the City pick up your garbage at the front or side of your house. You can schedule this service by calling 213-4700. If you are placing containers at the street, please put them out only on the morning of pick up and remove them that evening. This will help keep our neighborhood looking beautiful. Recycle material is only collected on Thursday. Place recycle bins by the road only on Thursdays.



Remember, please be a good neighbor and clean up after your dog.



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