



The Port Royal® Times

NAPLES, FLORIDA

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Andy Deane | President

Let me first offer a warm welcome back to our seasonal residents who have begun returning for the 2017-2018 season. It is always an exciting time of anticipation as we look forward to milder weather, reconnecting with old friends and the busy holiday season. It feels to me as if we are poised at the top of a shiny playground slide, just about to push off and rush toward our first of many holidays and celebrations.

Thanksgiving is a holiday uniquely celebrated in North America, but I can't imagine a more appropriate event for the entire world to celebrate. Its roots stem from eighteenth century Colonial America when enormous hardship was a common occurrence and everyone's very survival depended on hard work and no small measure of luck. We believe today that its initial celebration was a pause in the daily struggle to recognize the good fortune those early settlers had experienced bringing in a good harvest that would carry them through the harsh winter.

We certainly don't have to worry about a harsh winter here in Naples, but it remains a holiday where we gather together with friends and family to pause in our busy lives to recognize our own good fortune over the past year, and to look forward to the challenges and opportunities open to us in the coming year. We also recognize that this good fortune is possible in large measure through the cooperative efforts of our friends and family and didn't happen through our individual efforts alone. It's a wonderful group celebration.

Let me take a few moments to reflect on past events and discuss future challenges facing not only our beautiful Port Royal neighborhood, but our lovely City as well. Even if you were lucky to be elsewhere in September, I'm sure you were transfixed following the progress of Hurricane Irma as it barreled through the Caribbean as a Category 5 Hurricane.

Initially, it was forecast to track up the east coast of Florida, but less than 36 hours before its initial arrival, the track shifted to the west and it took aim directly at Naples.

Due to a series of personal events, my immediate intention to evacuate was overridden and my family and I had the dubious distinction of ringside seats for the event. Suddenly, in those last few hours, we had to take suitable cover to remain in place for a powerful hurricane that was forecast to create a substantial storm surge of wind-driven water. Port Royal is particularly vulnerable to storm surge and we knew from the outset we would not stay in our home. We were reasonably well buttoned up to handle the storm winds, but not the rising water.

On reflection, while I understand the media's responsibility to inform the public and instill a sense of urgency to evacuate whenever possible, I take issue with certain elements of what we know as 'fake news'. Perhaps in an effort to juice their ratings, media reports began warning Southwest Florida residents in coastal areas that the storm surge predictions weren't based on a sea level "mean high water" datum, but rather, on the elevation of the ground under your dwelling. Suddenly, the place where you had taken refuge, sitting on land at 12 feet above sea level, was in danger of having 8 to 10 feet of water inside the house. I now know, and believed it to be the case at the time but was too nervous to take the chance, those reports were incorrect. The surge numbers are based on the "mean high water" datum from which you have to add tide and surge to arrive at an accurate estimate. This is very different from what the media was reporting.

Thankfully, Irma hit Marco Island as a Category 4 hurricane and after the eye passed over Naples, the back half of the storm quickly fell apart. The predicted storm surge propelled by the on-shore winds of the back half of the storm didn't happen.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER CONTINUED...

Tree damage was extensive, but dwelling damage was relatively light.

Hopefully, in the aftermath when Federal, State and local government analyze their cleanup performance, they will recognize many areas for improvement. What I learned and passed along in my earlier letter to all of you was that there are layers of bureaucracy that lead to a maddeningly slow initial reaction to the cleanup. Once the slow ramp-up got going, the debris collection began to happen more aggressively, and we are, now at Thanksgiving, in pretty good shape with only huge tree stumps to be removed.

Up until September our Summer had been relatively calm, with a characteristically slower pace and the usual heat and humidity. The biggest event turned out to be when the City embarked, in July, on the purchase of a vacant property at the corner of 4th Street and 4th Avenue South. It was a last step in a project that began over 20 years ago to revitalize our downtown Fifth Avenue main street. The property would enable the construction of a planned third parking garage. Although this last garage had been in the plan from many years ago, there was a movement among local residents to halt the land purchase primarily over objections to the inflated purchase price and onerous terms in the agreement. City Council, based on public comment, voted to renegotiate the proposed contract. In an interesting twist, due to the unbudgeted cleanup costs in the wake of Hurricane Irma, the parking garage project has reportedly been abandoned.

I want to specifically mention and compliment Jenna Heiderman and Berkeley Shoemaker, our professional staff members. After nearly a year of work meeting with various City officials, their efforts culminated this summer in the adoption of modified language in the R1-15A zoning district, which is specific to Port Royal, that will provide improved dock construction rules for properties with concave shore lines and new language in the code for dealing with pedestrian gates. While this appears to be rather esoteric, this relatively lengthy process is a prime example of the many different things that our staff handles on an ongoing basis to ensure the success of our Association in dealing with important community matters.

In this regard, I urge you to utilize this important staff resource by contacting the Association Office anytime you see or have an issue that the office can help resolve. They are there for our benefit and we can be their eyes and ears to alert them to anything about which they need to be involved.

Looking ahead, there are several difficult issues that affect our quality of life in Port Royal. Last year we began, with the help of Galleon Drive residents, an effort to find practical solutions to ease the congestion on our neighborhood streets. As we examined the circumstances causing this congestion and explored possible solutions, we discovered that there is no easy solution.

At first, we felt the congestion problem was related to the narrowness of the street as well as the number and size of the vehicles. On closer examination, it became clear the narrowness of the street and its attendant problems was a separate issue from the congestion problem. If a plan to widen the street was pursued in order to bring its width



THE WEATHER CHANNEL COVERAGE OF HURRICANE IRMA

*PRESIDENT'S LETTER CONTINUED...*up to the more normal 22 feet, it wouldn't really address the congestion issue. A large truck parked with a long trailer is still going to present a formidable challenge to safe two-direction traffic regardless of three extra feet of road width. We are continuing to work diligently on each issue, but separately.

In the future, we will apparently see some slowdown in new construction with the consequent result of less traffic. Over the summer, we had only five new projects complete the approval process. This is a large drop from previous years and should ultimately, as construction currently underway is completed, result in fewer construction sites.

On the governmental affairs front, the City staff will be completing the rewrite of the City's Comprehensive Plan to be presented for the approval of City Council during this winter season. We, along with other HOA's, voiced our

concern last year with this process moving forward during the summer months when fewer residents are here to participate. As a result, the Planning Department will be holding informational meetings this fall and winter prior to presentation to City Council and our Staff and I will be monitoring the schedule to ensure participation from us as well as interested Association members. This is where we can have influence on the future development process and have input on the important question of population density.

This winter will, as usual, be a busy time for Naples. The Hurricane aftermath has been dealt with in a positive manner and I was reminded recently by a local hotelier, we can expect more visitors than usual since the Caribbean had so many beautiful resorts destroyed and will take years to recover. We can smile, however, with the knowledge that we are blessed to live here and most of our visitors wish they could.



A NUMBER OF STREET LIGHTS WERE DAMAGED BY IRMA, PLEASE REPORT ANY OUTAGES OR ISSUES TO FPL BY CALLING 1.800.468.8243, VISITING FPL.COM OR CALLING OUR OFFICE



MEET YOUR TEAM
BERKELEY AND JENNA

ARCHITECTURE UPDATE

Les Goodman | Architecture Review Chair

As the 2017/2018 season begins, I wanted to take a few moments to share with you the work of your Architectural Review Committee (the "ARC"). While a number of new build projects wrapped up this summer, we've noticed a trend in the decrease of new home submittals since the beginning of 2017. YTD the ARC has reviewed 11 new build submittals with only five of those past final approval and in the beginning stages of building. The other six have yet to come back through the office for final review. As a Committee, we can't help but compare this slow year to a bustling 2016 where we saw 20 new homes over the course of a year. It will be interesting to see where the trend goes in 2018, especially after Hurricane Irma's near direct hit in Naples.

Please keep in mind that any project involving exterior work must come through the Association office for approval. Some examples of these are depicted in the box to the right.

Our website - portroyalpoa.com hosts a wealth of information as well as necessary submittal forms for all projects. And as always, please feel free to call the office if you have any questions at all.

My thanks to our staff and the Board members who spend hours working on behalf of the community in meetings, making site visits, and a myriad of other architecture related things, whose efforts might otherwise go unrecognized.

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| PAINT COLOR | LANDSCAPING |
| FENCES/GATES | WINDOWS/DOORS |
| ROOF REPLACEMENT | AC/POOL EQUIPMENT |
| GUTTERS | GENERATORS |

NEW CITY DOCK OPENING SOON

Captain Roger Jacobsen | City of Naples Harbor Master

Anyone boating by the Naples City Dock will certainly notice the progress being made on the new dock. The floating docks have been installed, and construction continues on the buildings. Hurricane Irma hit, but the dock sustained no damage. The date for the charter boats to return is still scheduled for the end of December, with all vessels back by the end of February 2018.

The Naples City Dock will surely be the jewel of the bay, with mooring available for numerous size boats. Our 425' front dock will accommodate a variety of different of vessels. High speed fuel pumps, a ships store, A/C restrooms and laundry, are all just some of the amenities available. There will also be free head pump-out available 24 hours a day.



PROGRESS AT THE NAPLES CITY DOCK

WE'RE READY FOR SEASON!

Jenna Heiderman | Executive Director

Welcome back! We are looking forward to another exciting season! As Andy mentioned, this summer was spent immersed in City happenings. While it may have appeared relatively quiet from afar, we have been working behind-the-scenes to stay involved with many of the City's most important endeavors that could directly affect our community, for instance: the Comprehensive Plan, which dictates the City's density and redevelopment opportunities, the proposed parking garage just off 5th Avenue at 4th and 4th, congestion and traffic issues, and more. Our presence and participation at City Council and Planning meetings are representative of our community – one that we love and wish to protect.

You may have noticed our seasonal plantings are not yet installed. Unfortunately, like so many others, our landscape contractor is having difficulty with plant and flower availability as Hurricane Irma devastated many of the nurseries. Our Beautification Committee is working diligently on assisting our contractor with new selections and we hope to see them planted in the coming weeks. We thank you for your understanding.

Speaking of Irma, many homes have sustained some damage, albeit minimal in most cases, and will need to have repairs. With more and more people coming back for season, we will inevitably see an increase in vehicular traffic – from residents and workmen assisting in these repairs. We ask that you help with the ever-apparent congestion issue and encourage servicemen to park in your driveways.

I'd like to remind you to please call our office with any

questions or concerns you might have. Often times, people have queries and are not sure where to turn. Berkeley and I will do everything we can to help resolve or direct your matter as quickly as possible. We are here for you! We have a direct line of contact to City officials, contractors, and our police department, and can address an issue in a timely and appropriate manner.

I would also encourage you to utilize our website. Last year, we launched a new platform that houses many of our important documents, such as Deed Restrictions, By-Laws, and the Code of Ordinances for the R1-15A district. We also have listed all the necessary forms relating to construction; we have a news and events section; and created a subpage for Hurricane Irma, where we were continually posting updates about the storm and its aftermath. This website is intended to be a useful tool that provides pertinent and helpful information to our residents.

That said, your support of the Association through membership is essential. Without you, we would not be able to have a professional staff working daily on your behalf. I kindly urge you to support your staff and extremely dedicated volunteer Board by enrolling in our membership. Thank you all for your continued patronage. Together, we'll continue to improve our community and strive to maintain Port Royal as the premier community that it has always been.

On behalf of your Association, we wish you and your families a wonderful and blessed holiday season!



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| NAPLES RESTAURANT WEEK <i>various locations visit: swflrestaurantweek.com</i> | NOV. 30-DEC. 13 |
| CHRISTMAS WALK ON FIFTH <i>fifth avenue south</i> | THURS, DEC. 7 5-8P |
| NAPLES BAY BOAT PARADE <i>along naples bay</i> | SAT, DEC. 9 6:30-8:30P |
| CHRISTMAS PARADE <i>fifth avenue south</i> | TUE, DEC. 12 6-8P |
| TUBA CHRISTMAS CONCERT <i>sugden plaza 701 fifth avenue south</i> | THURS, DEC. 14 6:30-7:30P |
| NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS <i>naples beaches</i> | SUN, DEC. 31 7:30P |

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ANNUAL MEETING

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