WINTER 2021

# FROM YOUR ASSOCIATION

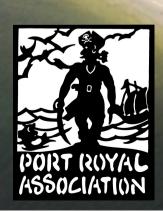
PORT ROYAL PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Letter from the President

JAMIE GIBBS, PRESIDENT

With the holiday season in full swing, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families. As the end of the year approaches, I reflect upon what has been accomplished in a year that has seen many challenges.

This Spring, I was pleased that the Association was able to assist many of our members in securing Covid-19 vaccinations as they became available at pharmacy locations statewide. Later, staff worked directly with Naples Fire Chief Pete DiMaria to vaccinate our members through the Fire Department clinics. You may recall that attempts to secure an appointment at Publix were nearly impossible. We are truly fortunate to have such a positive, close working relationship with the city that afforded us the ability to swiftly vaccinate our members in a time of need. We are grateful to our first responders and Fire Chief DiMaria for helping us in such a meaningful way.



Letter from the President, Continued

Over the past several months, we've successfully lobbied the City Council and staff to complete several infrastructure projects in our community. This November, Kings Town Drive and Captain's Place were the first of many streets to be resurfaced and repaved. We have also recently been advised that the City has agreed with our request to repair and correct the road issues on Lantern Lane, which include the installation of Miami Dade gutters along the sides of the roadway. This fiscal year, the city's Streets & Stormwater Department will be engineering the project, with the hopes of construction starting later in the year.

Security continues to be a top priority of your Board, and we are exploring ways to enhance our existing security capabilities. Since April, the Board has contracted with both Port Royal Security and the Naples Police Department to increase our security presence in our community. Both agencies have been able to effectively monitor vehicles entering and exiting Port Royal in the overnight hours. The police also keep a "ghost car" positioned at the north end of Gordon Drive, providing a strong deterrent for potential crime and speeding. We are working with the Naples Police on identifying locations throughout our community for additional security cameras, equipped with license-plate reader technology and tying into the police department's current network. These cameras will provide another important layer of protection and we plan to begin installing cameras in the New Year.

On February 1st, there will be a General Election of the City Council. There are three council member vacancies, with five candidates contending for those positions. As the election approaches, we have been meeting with the candidate hopefuls to better understand their key topics and platforms, but also informing them of our primary issues in Port Royal. This is a pivotal election, and it is critical that we elect candidates who we believe will support our best interests. Over the past year, there has been incredible turnover in the senior level city personnel and in law enforcement, which is of concern to us. It is important for you to be informed and engaged with our local government, and your voice and vote matter. Our Association will be hosting a City Council Candidates Forum on Wednesday, January 12th at the Port Royal Club, which will provide an opportunity to hear from each of the candidates. More information on this important event will follow.

Finally, our 2022 membership drive is underway, and we urge you to support your Association by renewing your Membership. On behalf of our members, we drive important improvements in Port Royal; protect and enhance our property values; and weigh in on matters that concern the city at large.

My Term as President ends at our AGM in February, and I am very pleased with the many accomplishments that you have seen over the past 6 years of my tenure on the Board. My colleagues, both our incredible Professional Staff and our hard-working volunteer Board spend a great deal of time to ensure that Port Royal continues to be a preeminent community in which we live and enjoy.

I wish each of you a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing many of you over the next several months!



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## CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM

The City of Naples General Election will be held on February 1, 2022. The Port Royal Association is hosting a **Candidate Forum** at the **Port Royal Club** on **January 12th** at **9:30 AM** to give our members an opportunity to hear the prospective City Council candidates discuss issues that are most important to them. There will be three vacancies on the Council, with five candidates running for a four-year term. We encourage you to attend this forum, as this is an important election year.

#### CLICK LEARN ABOUT THE CANDIDATES



RAY CHRISTMAN RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION



**TERRY HUTCHISON** RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION



JOHN DUGAN RUNNING FOR 1ST TERM



BETH PETRUNOFF RUNNING FOR 1ST TERM



IAN RUDNICK RUNNING FOR 1ST TERM

#### **KEY ELECTION DATES**

December 30th: Vote-by-Mail ballots mailed to residents (Register to vote by mail at www.CollierVotes.com) January 3rd: Last day to register to vote in Naples City Election January 22nd: Last day to request vote by mail ballot January 26th - 29th: Early Voting at Norris Center - Cambier Park February 1st: ELECTION DAY



## COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING

Please remember that all commercial vehicles (including landscape, all service trucks, etc.) are not permitted to park on the road in Port Royal as per the City of Naples Code of Ordinance Sec. 36-104 (b). Construction vehicles must be contained to the work site and cannot park on the street. Vehicles that do not comply will be ticketed by the Naples Police Department. Help us do our part in keeping our streets clear and safe for pedestrians and motorists.



## BE VIGILANT: BURGLARY



We were recently notified of an attempted burglary at one of our residences in Port Royal. A man, who identified himself as a subcontractor, entered a home through unlocked doors, as there was service work taking place, and proceeded to take electronics and cash found inside the residence. Port Royal Security responded to a report of suspicious subject inside the subscriber's residence and notified the Naples Police, who arrested the subject.

Please ensure that you are aware of who is entering your homes to perform service work, lock your doors, and utilize your alarm systems. Report any suspicious activity to the Naples Police Department (239) 2132-4844 or 911.



For residents inquiring about Port Royal Security, whom we've contracted with as part of our overall security plan, please find contact information below and inquire about a list of services:

Port Royal Security (239) 262-8790 portroyalsecurity@msn.com

### CITY OF NAPLES HOLIDAY CLOSURES

In observance of Christmas and the New Year, the schedule for some City of Naples services will be adjusted. City of Naples Administrative Offices will be closed on Thursday, 12/23, Friday, 12/24 and Friday, 12/31. The City Dock will close at 1pm on Friday, December 24th. There are no changes to the trash and recycling collection schedule for the weeks of Christmas and New Year's.

Remember that gift boxes, gift wrap (non-foiled), and product boxes are recyclable. Styrofoam packing and plastic wrapping or bubble wrap are not accepted for recycling. Additional recyclable materials may be disposed of prior to your next collection day at the Naples Recycling Center located at 2640 Corporate Flight Drive. (Tuesday–Saturday between 8:30 am – 4:30 pm) or the North Naples Recycling Drop off Center located at 9950 Goodlette- Frank Rd N (Tuesday–Saturday between 8:30 am – 4:30 pm).

Live Christmas trees can be placed curbside on regular horticulture collection days. If you have any questions, please contact the Solid Waste office at (239)213-4700.

\*\* Please be advised that tipping City employees is prohibited\*\*

#### COVID VACCINATION CLINIC

On January 13, 2022, from 9 am to 1 pm, COVID-19 vaccines, boosters, and tests will be available at 8th Ave South and 8th Street in the parking lot across from the Fire Station. Please call the Fire Department (239) 213-4900 to schedule an appointment.

> 835 8th Avenue South, Naples, FL 34102 www.naplesgov.com (239) 213-4900



#### NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS

The City of Naples New Year's Eve fireworks will begin at 7:00 p.m. approximately 1,000-ft north of the Naples Pier. The presentation will feature a 25-minute display with special effects. Naples residents are invited to bring chairs or blankets to viewing spots in town, as the fireworks can be seen all along the Naples beach. Personal use of sparklers or any fireworks is prohibited per City ordinance. The Naples Pier will close at 5:00 pm and will reopen by 11:00 pm.



#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

PR HOSTED CITY COUNCIL FORUM NAPLES GENERAL ELECTION PR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING January 12, 2022 February 1, 2022 February 15, 2022



# WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

from the Port Royal Association Board

of Directors and staff

