



NEWS FROM THE PARK SHORE ASSOCIATION

Beach Park Restoration Continues into Summer

With the return of our traditional summertime rains, we have started a phased approach to replacing the plants, sod and other landscaping lost to Hurricane Ian at the Raymond Lutgert Park at Park Shore.

Members who return in the Fall will notice a dramatic difference in the condition of the park from when they left town.

As previously reported, power has been fully restored to the park and the bath house has undergone a complete makeover, including new exterior decking, painting inside and out, and new fixtures inside the building. The electronic door locks also have been replaced with new numeric code locks.



Improved ground lighting also is being installed throughout the park, including some brand-new fixtures specifically designed to emit low light during sea turtle nesting season. About half of the park lighting is now complete. It is anticipated that the remaining light fixtures will be installed over the next few days.

We also are pleased that garbage service has resumed at the park. There are a limited number of trash bins located near the entrance into the park. These bins are for smaller items. Bulkier items, such as lawn chairs, beach umbrellas and poles **MUST** be discarded in the green dumpster located toward the eastern end of the parking lot. These items **WILL NOT** be collected if placed next to the smaller trash bins.

There also are a couple of large, blue recycle bins located next to the dumpster for recyclables like glass, aluminum and paper (Note: the recycle bins **MUST** remain in this location or they will not be collected).

None of this work could have been accomplished had it not been for the countless volunteer hours by our Board of Directors and the generous financial support of our members. Contributions are still being accepted and may be made by sending a check to: **Park Shore Association, P.O. Box 1435, Naples, FL 34106-1435**. It is our plan to formally recognize all donors in the 2024 Membership Directory.



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Sea Turtle Nesting Season Underway

Speaking of sea turtles, nesting season is well underway with dozens of nests laid along the Park Shore beach. While it is too soon to tell the results, environmentalists are encouraged by the early production.

Last year was a record year with 1,990 sea turtle nests being laid in Collier County. Fortunately, most of those nests had hatched by the time Hurricane Ian blew onshore on September 28, 2022.



Hatching of the nests typically begins in June and continues through late October.

You can do your part to ensure sea turtles have a safe and successful nesting season by keeping the beach dark as female sea turtles and hatchlings find the water by going toward the light reflected off of the Gulf of Mexico. Also, take back what you bring to the beach, including chairs, umbrellas, coolers and trash. Most importantly, if you see a turtle crawling out of the ocean or digging a nest, stay at a distance.

Important Membership Renewal Information

Each year, the Park Shore Association conducts membership renewals in the Fall. This year, we estimate that the Association will be mailing out the membership renewal notices on or about **October 15, 2023**.

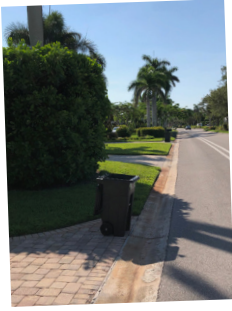
Please note that it is imperative you send your check with the detachable coupon to the address stated on the form so that your renewal can be properly processed by our bank. For this reason, we encourage you to arrange to have your mail forwarded to your seasonal address so you receive the notice on time.

In recent years, we have experienced a significant number of late payments received well after the mid-December due date (some as late as June). This has resulted in several processing errors and a delay in members being able to get their new beach passes in a timely fashion from their local block captains.

Any members who pay after **December 31, 2023**, will be assessed a \$100 late fee.

Please make sure you return your 2024 renewal payment before the stated due date to ensure that you receive your Beach Passes and Membership Directory and do not incur the late fee penalty. As always, we thank you for your membership and best wishes for a wonderful summer no matter where you travel.

Did You Know?



As a residential property owner in the City of Naples, you are not required to place your trash containers out by the curb for the twice a week pick-up.

The city offers “side-door solid waste collection service” that allows residents to place their refuse on the side of their house or immediately in front of their garage or carport.

We encourage all single-family homeowners in Park Shore to take advantage of this convenient service provided by the city. Doing so will help cut down on the growing number of unsightly cans left out after hours and prevent them from filling with rainwater and becoming breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Requirements for Operating Golf Carts

Park Shore residents who are utilizing golf carts to travel from their residences to the Raymond Lutgert Park at Park Shore should be aware of a new state law that took effect on July 1, 2023.

The new law requires a driver’s permit or license to operate a golf cart in the state of Florida. Law enforcement reports that children younger than 14 years of age have been joyriding and have increasingly become a problem with the growing number of golf cart communities in the state.

This new requirement adds to the other state rules and requirements which remain in effect. In essence, Florida Statute requires that golf carts driven on the roadways be operated and equipped just as motor vehicles (i.e.- brake lights, headlights, turn signals, seat belts, etc.).

Standard golf carts are usually not built to those specifications unless they are made as “street legal.” In addition, even if the golf cart is appropriately equipped, it is prohibited from traveling on roads with a speed limit higher than 35 mph, unless crossing it at an intersection.

State statutes and City ordinances prohibit the operation of golf carts in bike lanes or on sidewalks. So, if they are not “street legal,” they may only be operated on private property.

Volunteer as a Block Captain

Would you like to be the first on your street or in your condominium building to receive your annual beach passes and be more informed about what is taking place in your neighborhood? If so, you may volunteer as a Block Captain for the Park Shore Association.

Our Block Captains serve as our ambassadors, delivering the annual beach passes and membership directories to those members residing on their streets or in their condominium buildings. They also help us in welcoming new members as they join the Association throughout the year.

Among the blocks where we currently have vacancies are sections of Willowhead Drive, Neapolitan Way, and Crayton Road as well as several of the condominium buildings along Gulf Shore Boulevard North.

You don't have to be a year-round resident to serve. We have a sizeable corps of volunteers who can assist if you go away during the summer season.

If you are interested in joining our group of ambassadors, please contact **Executive Director Clay W. Cone** at parkshoreassoc@gmail.com or simply reply to this e-mail.

Code Enforcement Information

Keeping Park Shore beautiful and pleasant for all our residents is a top priority.

The Naples Code Enforcement Department should be contacted for the following issues:

- High Grass
- Debris around a structure
- Foreclosures
- Structures left in a state of disrepair
- Unpermitted signs
- Unpermitted Realtor signs
- Environmental concerns
- RV's, boats, and trailers in front/side yards
- Work being done without a permit
- Unlicensed contracting



The Code Enforcement Department is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by calling 239-213-5030. For after-hours service, call the City of Naples Police non-emergency line at 239-213-4844.

Complaints are logged into the City's system and are given a number for future reference. Please provide as much detail about the potential violation during your initial contact and the matter will get resolved.

Stay in Touch via social media

The Park Shore Association continues to add to its page on Facebook.

This social media tool allows us to provide accurate and immediate information to our members 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It also is a way for our members to reach out with their questions.

To participate, simply "Like" our community organization page on Facebook [here!](#)

