

NEWS FROM
THE PARK SHORE ASSOCIATION

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We were delighted to see so many Park Shore Association members and guests at our annual "Spring Fling" on Saturday, March 26th. A record crowd turned out on a picture perfect, sunny day in the park.

It was a memorable afternoon as our catering friends at Artichoke & Co. passed delicious light hors d'oeuvres, including Prosciutto di Parma and Mellon Skewers, Savory Deviled Eggs with Baby Shrimp, Bacon Wrapped Scallops, BLT in a Miniature Pastry Cup, and Chicken Sliders with Red Cabbage Slaw and Spicy Mayo, culminating with the ever-popular Assorted Cake Pops.



Live musical entertainment was provided by the three-member Island Breeze Band, while Park Shore Association board members and other volunteers served up ice cold beer, wine and soft drinks.

A new aspect to this year's celebration was the Naples Trolley, which provided convenient shuttle service to The Raymond Lutgert Park from the rear parking lot at Northern Trust Bank. We have outgrown our parking lot and could never have accommodated so many people had it not been for this service.

A lot of planning and work goes into the Spring Fling event, which is highly anticipated each year by members. We want to thank our many volunteers for their assistance during and after the event.

Park Shore Easter Egg Hunt Next Week

Make sure to mark your calendars and hop on down to The Raymond Lutgert Park at Park Shore on **Saturday, April 16th** for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! [The festivities will begin promptly at 10 a.m.](#)

We are hosting a traditional Easter Egg Hunt in two categories – children 0-5 and children 6-12 – with two separate sections of the park marked off. There will be more than 2,000 bright colorful eggs filled with candy to be found, so be sure to bring a basket or bag for each child.

All children and grandchildren of Park Shore Association members are welcome. You will want to wear plenty of sunscreen and, of course, a bonnet!

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Volunteers are needed the morning of the event to help hide the eggs beginning at 8:30 a.m. If you are interested in helping with this activity, please drop us a note at: parkshoreassoc@gmail.com.

(Note: Because of the very limited parking that is available at the beach park, we remind you to please

try to carpool with friends and neighbors or walk/bike to the park. For those of you who must drive, please make sure you park in a designated beach parking space and not one of the neighboring condominiums.)

Beautification Project Recently Completed

Park Shore residents traveling to our local Publix supermarket may have noticed some significant landscape improvements immediately in front of the lake on Neapolitan Way.

Thanks to a partnership of The Park Shore Fund and City of Naples Community Services Department, several new Coconut Palms, Verawood Trees and Mahogany Trees have been installed along the northern side of Neapolitan Way. The final piece of the project, consisting of bromeliads and other ground plantings, has just been completed in the past month. The total cost of the project was \$12,000.

The Park Shore Fund is separate from the Park Shore Association. The mission of The Park Shore Fund is to pursue projects focused exclusively in Park Shore that do not supersede or replace the obligations of the City of Naples, but instead further enhance our neighborhood beyond City budgeted work.

In 2021, thanks to the generosity of 150 families, The Park Shore Fund raised a total of \$36,000. But that wasn't all. The organization was able to multiply that support with a matching grant by the Blair Foundation, which allowed for the completion of the beautification work at the intersection of Crayton Road and Seagate Drive, including six new Coconut Palms and lush underplantings.



In the summer of 2021, The Park Shore Fund (again with matching funds by the Blair Foundation) was able to complete an additional beautification project at the intersection of Crayton Road and Park Shore Drive, adding additional Coconut Palms to the northeast, northwest and southwest corners.

For 2022, The Park Shore Fund has announced its goal to add public art to the growing list of its accomplishments. A sculpture of two large herons would be situated at the east side of the Park Shore monument at U.S. 41 and Park Shore Drive. The artist is David Turner who crafted the stunning bird sculpture which adjoins the Raymond Lutgert monument at the entrance into our beach park. To accomplish this, The Park Shore Fund is currently in the process of raising the needed \$50,000.

The Park Shore Fund is a charitable fund within the Collier Community Foundation. All contributions are tax deductible. Contributions can be mailed to: The Park Shore Fund, c/o Collier Community Foundation, 1110 Pine Ridge Rd., Suite 200, Naples FL 34108. You also can donate by credit card at: www.cfcollier.org and select The Park Shore Fund.

Going Away This Summer?

You can download a Notification of Vacant Property, which lets the Naples Police Department know when your home will be vacant and provides the authorities with emergency contact information, if needed.

While you are gone, a member of the Naples Police Department will make periodic checks on your residence as well. City of Naples property owners may use this form to advise the authorities when their properties will be vacant for any length of time. Forms may currently be submitted by mail or fax.

For additional information, go to www.naplesgov.com and click on "Police Department."

Opportunity to Comment on NCH Heart Institute

We want to alert you to an important decision that is expected to be coming in the next few weeks by Naples City Council that could impact the health of you and your friends/family for years to come.

NCH plans to invest in a \$150-million Heart, Stroke and Vascular Institute at its downtown campus. It will be state of the art with world-class doctors providing best-in-class care.

The one building being proposed would replace the existing Telford Building in the same location. It would be 5 stories in height, almost identical to the current hospital façade at 75 feet and overall, 9 feet lower. It would be well designed and beautifully landscaped.

In June 2021, City Council approved an ordinance exempting the creation of a hospital district from the city's 42-foot height limit in commercial zoning districts. However, Council is now considering a repeal of that ordinance, which would leave NCH with no apparent option available to build this facility as proposed on its downtown campus.



The Park Shore Association Board of Directors unanimously supports this project. We believe that Naples should have outstanding cardiac and stroke care within minutes of where we live. If you agree, please take a moment to send an email with your thoughts to the Mayor and City Council through this email address: council@naplesgov.com.

Important Membership Renewal Information

As many of you and your neighbors anticipate heading north for the summer, we want to remind you of some few very important items as they relate to the annual membership renewal process.

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, 2022**.

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 April). 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.

Please make sure you return your 2023 renewal payment before the stated due date to ensure that you receive your Beach Passes and Membership Directory and do not incur a potential late fee penalty.

Thank you for your support and best wishes for an enjoyable summer no matter where you travel.

Help Keep Our Beach Park Beautiful

The growing popularity of our private, members-only beach park has resulted in record membership in the Park Shore Association. It also has resulted in increased usage of our park and a rise in trash concerns.

Because of this, we have recently adjusted the garbage and recycling pickups in the park, both to twice a week. With this change, it is important to note that the large blue recycle bins must remain next to the large green dumpster at the eastern end of the parking lot in order to be serviced by our new provider.

Beach umbrellas, chairs, poles and other bulky items **MUST** be placed in the dumpster. These items **WILL NOT** be collected if placed next to the smaller trash bins.

Plastic bottles, aluminum cans and clean paper products can be placed in the recycle bins. Normal trash and food items can continue to go in the grey garbage bins located near the entrance to the park.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Like us on Facebook

The Park Shore Association has recently launched a 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!