

NEWS FROM THE PARK SHORE ASSOCIATION

Park Shore Association Annual Meeting to Go Virtual

Out of an increasing abundance of caution, we have decided to cancel our in-person Annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, January 26th and will instead provide a "virtual" presentation much like last year.

The official purpose of the meeting is to elect new members to the Park Shore Association Board of Directors and transact any other business to come before the meeting. There is one existing board member nominated for re-election – Suzanne Klym - and two nominees as new appointments to the Board of Directors – John A. Kraft, CPA and Karen A. Rowan.

Normally, we invite the current members of Naples City Council and staff to attend to address any questions that you may have as well as each of the candidates for this year's elections. But the recent surge of the omicron variant has prompted the Board to move the meeting online.

The Annual Membership Meeting will still be a wonderful opportunity for you to find out what's going on with YOUR Association. While you will not be able to attend the meeting in person, we do hope that you will participate online. To pre-register, please visit www. <u>PSAProxy.com</u>.

2022 Beach Passes & Directory Now Available



Keep an eye out for your 2022 Beach Passes and Membership Directory. They are now out in circulation!

The Park Shore Association distributed these materials to our volunteer Block Captains at our annual kick-off event on Wednesday, January 12th.

You may recall it is a tradition for the Block Captains to hand deliver new materials to you and then to follow up on late renewing members and prospective new members throughout the year. To find out who your local Block Captain is, please refer to the Annual Membership Directory.

Please note that the current 2021 cards remain valid through January 31, 2022. For more information or to find the renewal/new member application, visit www.parkshoreassociation.com.

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Make Sure Your Voice is Heard

On February 1st, voters in Park Shore and other parts of the City will have the opportunity to elect three of the seven members of Naples City Council. This election will have a critical impact on our neighborhood, and our City for the next four years.

Election results are often determined by a very small number of votes. In the last City elections in 2020, turnout was low in Park Shore and we lost our two local representatives on City Council. So, it is very important that each of us vote.



There are several options to cast your vote:

You have until January 22nd to request a Vote-By-Mail Ballot, which can be done by contacting the Collier County Supervisor of Elections through the website <u>www.colliervotes.com/voters/vote-by-mail</u> or by phone at (239)252-8683.

In-person early voting will be held on January 26, 27, 28, and 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at the Norris Center located at 755 8th Avenue South (next to Cambier Park and across the street from Naples City Hall).

On Election Day, February 1st, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Among the many critical issues in our neighborhood that will be decided by the three candidates elected on February 1 are: repairing the city-owned seawalls along Gulf Shore Boulevard North, cleaning the water in the stormwater storage lakes that flow into Venetian Bay/Moorings Bay, and regular beach renourishment to protect us from sea level rise and a hundred-year storm.

Do not be complacent, please vote. Park Shore needs your support!

Here is a listing of the candidates and the respective neighborhoods in which they reside:

<u>City Council (three seats open):</u>

Raymond R. Christman, Old Naples John Dugan, Bayfront of Naples Terry B. Hutchison, Lake Park Beth Davis Petrunoff, Golf Drive Estates Ian Rudnick, Park Shore

For further information, please visit the City of Naples Election page at <u>www.NaplesGov.com</u>.

Help Protect Our Clean Waterways

The Park Shore Association is proud to be playing a leading role in the City of Naples' efforts to reduce the consequences created by nitrogen and phosphorous chemical fertilizers entering our waterways.

Under the direction of Board member Jo Ann Smallwood, the Association is participating in a pilot program at the Raymond Lutgert Park at Park Shore using an organic biological product, Quantum Growth, developed by Eco Labs. After three years, the park and other test sites across the city continue to grow in a health manner without the harmful discharges.

In a recent presentation to the City, Smallwood reported that Quantum Growth helps reduce the amount of pests and diseases. The plants have improved healthy color and appearance, they flower more, and the cost is less than chemical fertilizers.

With this success, many other landscape contractors have stopped using chemical fertilizers and are now maintaining sod and plantings with Quantum Growth. Further updates will be provided.

The Park Shore Association is proud to set an example as leaders and stewards in protecting the environment, protecting us humans and doing the right thing that makes sense!

Reminder: New Leaf Blower Ban Now in Effect

In October 2020, the City of Naples amended its Noise Ordinance to prohibit the use of gasolinepowered leaf blowers throughout the City. This prohibition officially took effect on October 21, 2021.

Battery and electric leaf blowers will continue to be allowed as long as they do not generate a decibel level above 65 dBA. All battery and electric leaf blowers must have a manufacturer's label indicating they meet the noise level requirements.

If they do not have such a label, they are not allowed to be used in the City. For a complete list of compliant leaf blowers, please visit the Parks and Recreation page at <u>www.NaplesGov.com</u>.

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!

Upcoming Park Shore Association Events

Be sure to mark your 2022 calendars for the following Park Shore Association events:

Annual Membership MeetingWednesday, January 26, 20226 p.m.Virtual, online presentation

Spring Fling in the Park

Saturday, March 26, 20223-5 p.m.Raymond Lutgert Park at Park Shore



