**CCPOA QUARTERLY NEWS** 

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# P R E S I D E N T ' S C O R N E R

#### ANOTHER EFFORT TO ADDRESS ST. ANDREWS' TRAFFIC

**4TH OUARTER 2021** 

As long as I've lived in Lely Country Club, I've heard complaints about the volume of traffic on St. Andrews Boulevard. Collier County has tried to accommodate those concerns by implementing "traffic calming" measures. The speed bumps, lighted stop signs and enhanced crosswalks are examples of traffic calming. And yet, traffic volumes remain significant, and safety remains a concern. This past summer a distracted driver was caught on video veering off the street and demolishing a mailbox. Someone checking mail at that moment would have been seriously injured or killed. Many remember the 2017 accident when a pedestrian on the sidewalk was struck and killed.

Last April newly elected County Commissioner Rick LoCastro met with leaders of LCCPOA and neighboring Lely Golf Estates to discuss our traffic concerns. It was made clear at that time the County would continue its effort to "calm" traffic but will not consider limiting the flow of traffic along St. Andrews Boulevard.

Now, however, the East Naples Civic Association (ENCA) has agreed to join with LCCPOA and Lely Golf Estates in another attempt to address neighborhood traffic concerns. The three organizations represent thousands of residents, and the combined effort may gain greater attention. In October, ENCA President Jacob Winge wrote to Commissioner LoCastro asking for another opportunity to discuss these matters. His letter has been reprinted in this newsletter (see page 4 & 5). Commissioner LoCastro and County staff have agreed to meet with us again in late December.

Anyone with ideas for minimizing traffic flow along St. Andrews is encouraged to email those thoughts to our Community Association Manager Laura Pascal: LPASCAL@RESORTGROUPINC.COM. She will pass them along and I can present them during our meeting with the Commissioner and County.

### **DO YOU WISH TO SERVE?**

Are you interested in serving on the LCCPOA Board of Directors? The Lely community is always in need of candidates with skills and energy. Seven slots for two-year terms come up for consideration at our February annual meeting. To be considered for one of these positions you must:

- 1. Be a member in good standing.
- 2. Submit your intention in writing no later than January 5.
- 3. Include a brief biography and list skills, expertise you believe you can offer.

A member in good standing is a member who owns property in the community and whose dues, fees, fines and/or interest are paid in full.

Submit your name, address, and contact information via email to our Community Association Manager Laura Pascal at LPASCAL@RESORTGROUPINC.COM.

Useful biographical information includes whether you live here full time, previous employment and volunteer experience, and a list of skills you believe would be useful in helping the Board perform its duties.

## **QUICK LINKS AND RESOURCES**



 Lely Country Club Website

 Resort Management Website - Management Company for Lely Country Club Property

 Owners Association

 Resort Management Homeowner Login - Register or Login to Resort Management

 Homeowner Portal

 Lely Country Club ARC Form - To request any architectural and/or landscape modifications

 to your property.

 Lely Country Club By Laws

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 Lely Country Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

 Approved Post Light/Mailbox Assemblies

 Quarterly Newsletters



# <u>COMMUNITY UPDATES & INFORMATION</u>

## **NEIGHBORHOOD COVENANT SURVEY RESULTS**

Earlier this year 239 surveys were delivered to residents of the single-family neighborhoods of Torrey Pines Point, Palmetto Dunes Circle and Muirfield Circle to gauge support for reviving neighborhood "street covenants" as a means of regulating short-term rental activity. Results are as follows:

Torrey Pines - 62 surveys delivered, 14 returned. 4 in favor of revival but only 3 willing to pay legal fees. 10 opposed.

Palmetto Dunes -121 surveys delivered, 19 returned. 8 in favor of revival but only 7 willing to pay legal fees. 11 opposed.

Muirfield Circle – 56 surveys delivered, 17 returned. 9 in favor of revival. 8 opposed.

Given the apparent lack of interest, the Board of Directors will not pursue further.



## HANG TAG REMINDERS

If you find one of these colorful tags hanging on your mailbox post, don't panic!

It is merely a friendly reminder that you need to take action in order to avoid violating the covenants.

The **Velow** tag is a "LIGHT OUT" notice. Residents often don't realize their light is out. It's understandable. They may be away, or they just don't go out after dark. Incandescent bulbs burn out quickly but thankfully we can use longer lasting LEDs. Solar lights can have issues too. Many properties have sensors so that lamps light automatically at dusk and shut off at dawn. If the sensor goes bad the light may stay on during daytime or fail to light at night. Some properties have switches that must be manually operated. It's a good idea to label your outdoor light switch and be sure it is activated dusk to dawn. When you're out there changing the bulb, give the mailbox post a quick cleaning to remove bugs and dirt from the post and the plastic light enclosure. Check the paint on the scroll and post. A quick spray or dab of black paint makes a huge difference both in the appearance of your property and of the neighborhood.

The **GREE** tag is to remind homeowners that our covenants, as well as Collier County ordinances, regulate placing trash receptacles at the curb. Trash is picked up Monday and Thursday. Trash receptacles may be placed at the curb no earlier than 6 pm the evening before a pickup day and must be removed from the curb no later than 6 pm the day of trash pickup. Our covenants require that receptacles be kept out of sight on non-collection days, so receptacles go back in your garage or out of sight in a designated enclosure. Please do not leave them where they are visible from the street. Disposal of items too large for the trash receptacle can be arranged by contacting the County at 239-252-2380. Select option 2. The call must be made 48 hours before the scheduled pickup day. The County's rules for placing large items at the curb are the same – out no earlier than 6 pm the day before trash pickup. There are no collection services of any kind on July 4th, Thanksgiving, or Christmas. If regular pickup falls on these holidays, pickup will be on the next scheduled trash day.

Keeping lamp posts lit at night, clean and painted, and trash receptacles out of sight on non pick-up days are easy ways to demonstrate civic pride. It says "we care about where we live". We all care. But we sometimes need a reminder. That's the purpose of the colored tags.

## **QUOTE OF THE QUARTER**



"GIVE THANKS. APPRECIATE WHAT YOU DO HAVE....THE MORE WE GIVE THANKS, The more we receive to be thankful for. Gratitude is the Gift that Always gives back."



- MATTHEW MCCONAUGHY







er Collier County ordinance and LCCPDA covenant declarations, trush bins are not to be placed curbside prior to 6 PM the ovening before pickup. We appreciate your cooperation and attention to this matter.

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## **PAYING YOUR DUES**

On November 12 Resort Management billed 2022 LCCPOA Annual Dues. Dues for 2022 are \$210, same as 2021, in accordance with the budget adopted at the Board of Directors meeting November 9. Members who have authorized email delivery will receive their invoice via email only. Be sure to review spam messages if you don't see it in regular email. It will be titled "LELY COUNTRY CLUB POA – Invoice Notice". Those not signed up for email will receive the invoice via regular mail at the address of record on file with Resort Management. LCCPOA dues are billed once annually and must be paid on or before January 10, 2022 to avoid a \$25 late fee and, thereafter, monthly interest charges.

Resort Management offers a variety of bill paying options that you can access via your portal. After logging in, the first selection on the menu at left is "Make A Payment". There you will find options for paying by credit card, ACH direct debit, eCheck, online bill pay, and lastly directions for sending a check via U.S. Mail. For assistance in establishing a portal or if you have further questions about paying your dues, you may contact our community association manager Laura Pascal at: LPASCAL@RESORTGROUPINC.COM.



### WHAT'S COOKING Apple - Orange - Cranberry Relish

### **Ingredients**

1 orange 1 medium apple (a sweeter variety such as Gala or Fuji) 3 cups fresh cranberries 1 celery stalk, cut into 1-inch pieces 1/2 cup shelled walnuts 3/4 cup sugar 1 tablespoon orange liqueur

#### Directions

- Grate the zest from the whole orange and set aside. Cut off any remaining pith from the orange. Cut the orange into chunks. Peel the apple and remove the core; cut into large pieces.
- In a food processor, combine the orange zest and chunks, apples, cranberries and celery and process until finely chopped; be careful not to process too long because the mixture will become mushy. Add the walnuts and pulse until chopped. Stir in the sugar and orange liqueur. Refrigerate until serving time, at least 2 hours and up to overnight.

## On behalf of the Lely Country Club Property Owners Association Board of Directors, we would like wish you and your family health, happiness and love this Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year!!!

## **2021 BOARD MEMBERS**

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October 15, 2021

Commissioner Rick LoCastro 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Suite 303 Naples, FL 34112

Re: Saint Andrews Traffic and Safety Issues

Dear Commissioner LoCastro,

I am writing to request a meeting with you and appropriate County staff to discuss ways to reduce traffic volumes in the quiet neighborhoods along St. Andrews Boulevard. The neighborhoods encompass Lely Golf Estates and Lely Country Club – together representing nearly 1,500 households, and several other independent condo and villa associations. Residents from within these neighborhoods, along with many ENCA members indicate the high volume of traffic on these streets poses a threat to life and property.

The County's efforts to calm traffic are appreciated. However, we believe traffic volumes have increased to the point where calming cannot sufficiently reduce the risks of injury and property damage faced daily in these neighborhoods. The problem was significantly exacerbated in 2008 by the County's decision to line up Santa Barbara Boulevard with St. Andrews Boulevard. With many thousands of additional housing units, planned, under construction, or already built on Santa Barbara, we expect the traffic problem will only worsen.

At a meeting last April with representatives of these neighborhoods it was acknowledged that St. Andrews Boulevard was designated a "collector road" intended for through traffic. We believe that was poor planning, given the design of the neighborhood. As you and County traffic engineers are well aware, the homes along meandering St. Andrews Boulevard have driveways that exit directly onto the single travel lanes. All that is required is a moment's distraction for a vehicle to veer into the bike lane, and hit a biker, a pedestrian on the sidewalk, or a homeowner checking their mailbox.

ENCA members and residents of the various neighborhood associations want the County to study ways to <u>restrict the flow of traffic</u> through St. Andrews Boulevard and surrounding streets.

Ideas considered in the past have included eliminating the straight- lane connection between Santa Barbara and St. Andrews. Traffic flows to and from other "feeder" streets such as Wildflower and Warren could also be studied.

Community leaders were told in April that "the train has left the station" on these sorts of solutions and that restricting traffic is off the table. Those same community representatives have told ENCA loud and clear they are unwilling to accept that conclusion. ENCA is hoping that a solution-focused meeting will yield some useful and workable ideas that will address concerns about the risks to life and safety in these neighborhoods.

Respectfully,

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