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ANNUAL REPORT

Your Lely Country Club Board of Directors was hard at work this past year. Here is a summary of what we've been up to:

- Our 2020 Annual meeting was delayed to March 23 due to concerns over Covid. We failed to achieve a quorum, and therefore unable to complete a vote on amending our covenants to limit short term rentals. At the organizational meeting following our annual meeting, the board elected the following officers: Tom Robustelli - President, Dudley Chism - Vice President, Jackie Waganer - Treasurer, and Jason Donahue - Secretary.
- In April we successfully connected the St. Andrews well to irrigate medians formerly serviced by a disputed well on Deerwood Circle. Total project cost was close to \$20,000 which included removal and sealing of the Deerwood well, and boring beneath St. Andrews to link up irrigation systems.
- Responding to membership request for better communication we published our first quarterly newsletter for the year in early April and have published quarterly since. All board members have contributed ideas and articles. Jason Donahue's expertise and creativity has helped produced an attractive and informative publication
- In May and June, we appointed three new energetic directors: Cynthia Jepsen, Karen Poufcas and Chad Fleck.
- We surveyed the Torrey Pines, Palmetto Dunes, and Muirfield Circle subdivisions to determine support for reviving street covenants for those neighborhoods to limit short-term rentals. There was little interest, and the board tabled further action on the project.
- A compliance Hearing Committee was established with David Tate elected as Chair.
- We have participated in an initiative with East Naples Civic Association and Lely Golf Estates to address traffic concerns on St. Andrews. These efforts culminated recently in the County's agreement to conduct a traffic study.
- We were successful in persuading the County to remove St. Andrews Boulevard from an interstate bicycle route that might have presented safety issues.
- The board is presently working on efforts to refresh landscaping at our entrances on Augusta and St. Andrews Boulevards, and to clear dead/dying foliage from the boulevard's medians.



During the year we've also vigorously pursued collection of unpaid dues. And whenever possible, we have filed insurance claims to recover monetary damages in connection with accidents along our boulevards. These efforts have yielded several thousand dollars to support our Association.

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](#)

[Lely Country Club Covenants](#)

[Quick Reference Need to Knows in Lely Country Club](#)

[Lely Country Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)

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COMMUNITY UPDATES & INFORMATION

2021-22 ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 15, 2022, at 7 pm at the New Hope Ministries banquet hall situated at 7675 Davis Boulevard. There is no business requiring a vote this year. No governing document changes have been proposed. The number of members seeking board positions is fewer than the available openings, so an election is not necessary.

We are trying to arrange for a speaker who will brief residents on the new Collier County short term rental ordinance (see separate article), and perhaps another to discuss efforts to improve pedestrian and bicycle trails.

As usual the Board will present an annual report on our activities and finances. Board members will be in attendance and following the speakers we can conduct a Q and A session to address any other membership questions or concerns.

COLLIER RENTAL ORDINANCE ENACTED

The Collier County Short-Term Vacation Rental Registration Ordinance - 2021-45 - is effective January 3, 2022. The intent of the new ordinance as stated in its legislative findings and intent is as follows:

“The Board hereby finds that the use of residential dwellings for short-term vacation rentals in established residential neighborhoods may create community impacts, including, but not limited to, excessive noise, accumulation of trash, on- street parking and diminished public safety; that to lessen these impacts and to protect the quiet enjoyment of neighboring residential units it is necessary to have a known, responsible person to contact who can reasonably address issues that may arise from the use of short- term vacation rentals, many of which are owned by non- residents; and that some owners of short-term vacation rentals may not properly remit required taxes and fees. Accordingly, it is the intent of this Ordinance to collect current and accurate information regarding short- term vacation rental properties and to encourage the appropriate management of these properties to protect the general health, safety and welfare of the residents and visitors to Collier County.”

The ordinance regulates rentals of six months or less duration. It requires landlords to:

1. Register with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and the Collier County Tax Collector (for collection and remittance of sales and tourist taxes).
2. Obtain a Collier County Registration Certificate for each rental unit. The Certificate must identify a “designated responsible party” and contact information for that person.
3. Inform all guests of Collier County ordinances governing rentals, including noise, garbage, and parking.
4. Maintain all rental units in compliance with occupancy limits as specified in the Collier County Code of Ordinances, the County Land Development Code, Florida Building Code and Florida Fire Prevention Code.
5. The owner or the “designated responsible party” must be available in person or by telephone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to address law enforcement actions, emergency responses or County ordinance violations.
6. Maintain the rental unit in accordance with the Collier County Property Maintenance Code.
7. Include the County registration certificate number in all advertising.

Violators may be fined up to \$500 per day per violation and both guests and property owners may be prosecuted separately and concurrently.

This new ordinance will be a useful tool for helping us address disruptive rentals. Residents with questions about the legitimacy of a rental property can contact our Community Association Manager Laura Pascal at LPASCAL@resortgroupinc.com for follow up with the County.

PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY'S VALUE

Lely Country Club Property Owners have been busy this year improving their properties. Our Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approved seventy-two exterior modifications during 2021. Improvements included exterior painting, replacement of windows, doors and garage doors, installation of hurricane shutters, roofs, swimming pools, pool enclosures, pavers, and landscape changes. Improvements also included wells, basketball hoops, flag poles, and solar panels.

It is gratifying to know that Lely Country Club property owners continue to invest many thousands of dollars in their homes, improving both the appearance of their properties and of the neighborhoods in which they live.

We want to take this opportunity to remind our members that exterior improvements require prior review and approval by the Architectural Review Committee. Why? Very simply, our covenants require it and the board, by law, must enforce the covenants. Review and approval of exterior improvements is a quite common requirement in a deed-restricted community. The process helps assure that improvements enhance the beauty of our neighborhoods and protect property values.

The two-page ARC application is available on our website at www.lelycountryclub.com; from the Resort Management portal, or by contacting our Community Association Manager Laura Pascal LPASCAL@resortgroupinc.com. Complete the application and include supporting information (product descriptions, paint color samples, planting diagrams etc.). Fastest results are achieved by scanning and uploading your application using the Resort Management portal. But applications can be emailed to Laura or mailed or hand-delivered to Resort Management.

The more complete and thorough the information provided, the faster you'll get results. The ARC makes every effort to act on applications within two weeks.

Remember that architectural review is required by our covenants and the board is required by law, to enforce existing covenants. We understand that obtaining approval for a project is an extra step. We are trying our best to make it as simple and painless as possible.