

Summer Issue 2022

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The Summer Celebration Issue

**The Pancake Breakfast
IS BACK**

Concerts In The Park Lineup

Heartwell Award Honoree

NW LBPD June Meetup

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Message From the President

Hello Islanders,

You spoke - we are listening!

Thank you for taking the time to answer this year's Island-wide survey. You will find key take-aways from your responses summarized in several sections of this Naples News. They are helping us on the NIA Board to improve our traditional events and stay in tune with your needs and wishes.

Your voice was clear:

1. Keep us safe,
2. keep our neighborhood from crumbling,
3. keep us informed,
4. keep putting on the fun events that bring us together and make Naples the best place to live!

So, we have our priorities clear for this year: support Neighborhood Watch and Naples CERT; engage, and communicate with the various City departments, from City Council to

Police, Fire, Maintenance and Marine departments; collaborate with the other vital organizations in Naples - NIBA, NIGC, and PTA; keep you up to date with our eblasts on Hot Topics, our website, and the still beloved Naples Newsletter.

And, last not least, with Covid restrictions slowly fading away, we also have a full program of events again!

We already got the party started - the kids had fun at the Easter Egg Hunt, Residents got a chance to meet the 3rd District Candidates, enjoy our Community Picnic and get an update on what is happening in our community. Now, we look forward to our big summer events - the Pancake Breakfast and the concerts on the Colonnade. We have a stellar line-up of bands this year and hope to see you there!

As we look forward in excitement to getting together with our neighbors and celebrating the unique Naples community spirit, we are also remembering the recent loss of one of our strongest and longest supporters and consummate volunteers - Judy Powell. She was not only our Naples News editor for more than 10 years, but she was also a treasured community champion, serving years on the NIA Board and

volunteering at every event. She will be truly missed, and we will continue the Naples volunteer tradition to make her proud!

Of course, no volunteer organization can function without supporters and



volunteers. If you enjoy the work and events of the Naples Improvement Association, please continue to support us, whether through your financial support, by lending a helping hand, or becoming one of the many chairpersons who do the heavy lifting behind the scenes. The 2022/23 Membership drive has started, and I invite you to join us. We can't do it without you, and I look forward to another great year together.

See you around the islands...

Rainer

Rainer Rahaeuser, NIA President

Calendar of Events

- May 31 Concert in the Park with King Salmon
- Jun 3 Naples Bayside Academy Carnival
More info at naplespta.net
- Jun 4 Pancake Breakfast, Craft Fair and Fun Run
- Jun 11 Neighborhood Watch Meet Up with LBPD
Captain Hebeish and Deputy Captain O'Dowd
- Jun 28 Chili Cookoff and Concert in the Park with
Big City Hillbillies
- July 4 Independence Bike Ride
- Jul 26 Concert in the Park with Manuel the Band
- Aug NIBA's NaplesFest on 2nd Street
Day TBA
- Aug 30 Concert in the Park with Ocean Boulevard
- Sep 25 NIA Street Dance with Barefoot Rider
- Nov 9 NIA Annual Meeting
- Dec 7 Holiday Home Decor Judging
- Dec 10 Christmas Boat Parade: "Sleighs on the Bay"



Stacey King

HEARTWELL AWARD HONOREE

extraordinary service to the Naples community. It is named for former resident Jimmy Heartwell who is well known for his outstanding commitment and volunteerism in working to improve Naples and the community at large.

Each year since 1968, the Jimmy Heartwell Memorial Award has honored an individual or a couple for outstanding service in Naples. It is the highest honor given in our community.

This year's recipient has lived in Naples over 20 years and has contributed to our community in many ways, including: judging holiday home decor, decorating the Santa Float for the boat parade, assisting with the annual Chili Cookoff, and volunteering at the Pancake Breakfast - #1 best U-Haul driver ever! She has given so much time with the guidance to the young women of the Naples Contessa Program which organizes the Warm Coats Drive, leftover Halloween Candy sent to our military service, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, the 4th of

July Bike Parade, and all Concert in the Park events, where her team sells baked goods. Outside of Naples she is involved with Justin Rudd's Operation Easter Basket... she devotes much time to collecting Easter baskets for less fortunate children.

She was born in Colorado Springs with her twin sister, Tina. Her parents are Richard Ashby Dadisman (The Commander) and Marian Dadisman. She was raised in Almaden Valley (south San Jose) California and has been married to Steve for the last 29 years. She has 3 beautiful children - Jessie, Julia, and Scottie. She and her family can be spotted in Catalina, enjoying the island on their boat the *Reel Kings*. She always, I mean always, has a smile on her face. She is generous with her time and a problem solver, making her a perfect candidate for this year's award.

Stacey, THANK YOU for being a dedicated leader!"

Pictured: Donna Kraus (l) and Stacey King (r)

On Tuesday, May 17, the NIA recognized Stacey King's outstanding community contributions by presenting her with the prestigious Heartwell Award.

Donna Kraus, the immediate prior recipient, spoke and presented the award. Following is an excerpt from Donna's comments:

"I'm presenting tonight the Jimmy Heartwell Award which has not been given in 2 years. The award, first bestowed in 1968, recognizes

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Survey Says...

In February the NIA conducted an island-wide survey of residents. We had nearly 300 responses!

What is the NIA doing well?

Overall, the NIA is very much appreciated and islanders greatly value having the organization in the community. The NIA gets decent marks for:

- Government relations
- Community engagement
- Safety/Neighborhood Watch
- Emergency preparedness/CERT
- Being a forum for information sharing
- Programming events such as the Boat Parade, Pancake Breakfast and Summer Concerts
- Coverage of the social scene in Naples News

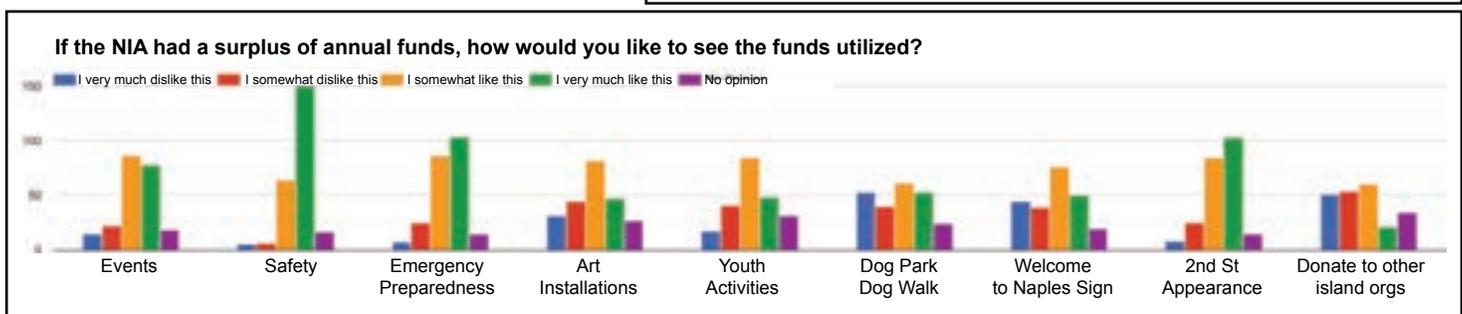
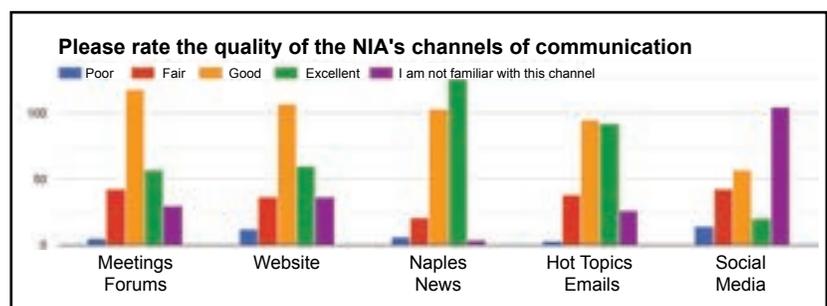
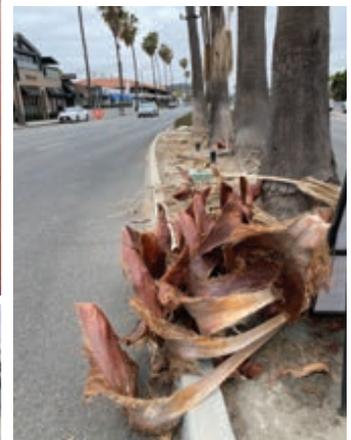
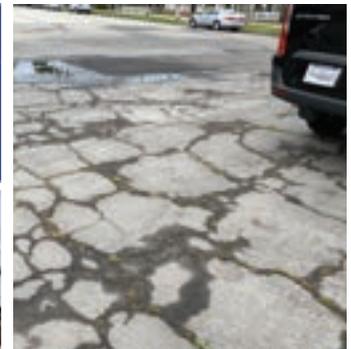
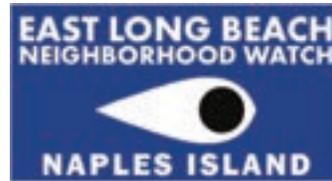
Where can we improve?

You would like to hear from the NIA more frequently and with more detail about the status of projects and initiatives. You also want more “news” content on our website, naplesisland.org.

What are members' priorities?

There were numerous recurring topics, including:

- Safety and security/Neighborhood Watch
- Emergency Preparedness/CERT
- NIA representation to the City
- Periodic “clean-up” of the islands and waterways
- Connecting with neighbors - social options
- Condition of streets and sidewalks
- 2nd Street corridor
- Community engagement/activation
- Parking, traffic flow, speed control

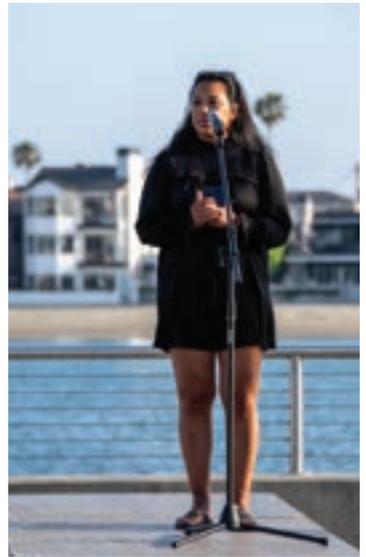


Naples COMMUNITY UPDATE

On May 18 at the Colonnade Park, the NIA hosted a community forum to update residents about happenings on the islands. Speakers included Rainer Rahaeuser (NIA President), Pam McCredie (NIGC President), John Angelo (NIA V.P. - Membership) and Ligaya Jakmakjian (CERT Co-Chair and Naples School PTA member).

Some of the Key Points...

- Pancake Breakfast update, including call for volunteers and inclusion of NIGC's Plant Boutique sale w/ orchids, bouquets, indoor plants + more (p6)
- Summer Concerts schedule (p7)
- NIA's island-wide survey findings (p4)
- The appointment of Cindy Bambam as NIA's Seawall Committee Chair
- CERT advancements, training and equipment upgrades
- The 2022 Boat Parade theme... "Sleighs on the Bay"
- The return of the Naples School Carnival (June 3)
- Neighborhood Watch's meetup with Chief of Police, Wally Hebeish (June 11)
- Naples Flea Market will return in 2023



Catching Up With Kim Bergkvist at the **73RD NAPLES PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

It's been three years since the last Pancake Breakfast. Naples News (NN) caught up with the event chair, Kim Bergkvist (KB), to check in...

NN: How many years have you chaired the event?

KB: This will be my 11th year! Yes, you read that right.

NN: What should we know about the raffle?

KB: Tickets are \$1 for 1, \$5 for 6 and \$10 for 12. Prizes in the past have included restaurant gift cards, Gondola Getaway gift card, baskets, and unique items.

NN: What should we know about the Fun Run?

KB: It's \$5 to enter. Check in starts at 7:45 AM with the race starting at 8:30. It's a 2.7 mile loop around the Island. You can run, walk, stroll or skateboard.

NN: Tell us about the Craft Fair

KB: Items vary each year but usually we have a great mix of jewelry, unique gift items, handbags and makeup. In the past, we have also had booths from local businesses like 9Round, LB CERT-Naples and Executive Fitness. The Naples Island Garden Club will also be back selling their plants.

NN: Will you still be accepting volunteer sign-ups around June 1?

KB: Yes, definitely contact me as I may have last minute needs/cancellations. 562-301-1798 or kabergkvist@gmail.com

NN: So we touched on the sponsors, how about key volunteers?

KB: A huge round of applause goes to my core team: Cathy Black, Lisa Kammel, Marilyn Bittle (THE BATTER QUEEN), Linda Pachter and Stacey King. I'd also like to

thank my hubby Michael Bergkvist and his Dawn Patrol swim group (Scott Meyer, Jeff Wimbish and Shawn Oatey) for handling the setup of the electricity/audio and anything else I throw their way. Then there's Dan Iketani & Michael Bergkvist for hooking up the grills/propane tanks and testing them each year. Steve King & Michael O'Toole for their years of picking up the food items from Naples Ribs. Bob Lane for his many years of chairing the Raffle. Todd Lemmis for his many years of handling the early am setup. NIGC for the beautiful table centerpieces. Naples Ribs, Executive Fitness and Gelson's for their help and donations.

If you see any of these awesome team members, give them a shout out as the breakfast would not be a success without them.

NN: And we've heard you're ready to take a break.

KB: Yep. This is my last year chairing the Breakfast. I have poured my heart and soul into this event and it's time for me to pass the binder on! I appreciate all the love and support I have received over the years. THANK YOU to everyone who donated their time and energy to make the breakfast such a treasured tradition! Cheers!

NN: Do we know who's on board for next year?

KB: Absolutely! Monique Lawee will be next year's Kim Bergkvist.

NN: GO MONIQUE!!

And, Kim, THANK YOU for your incredible dedication, enthusiasm and skill in stewarding one of Naples' most treasured community events!



THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT A GLANCE

Saturday • June 4
7AM - 11AM
Breakfast \$10 per person
Pancakes, Sausage, Orange Juice, Milk and Coffee

Sponsored by:
Jeff Stone - Coffee
Rich Vaught - Sausages
Naples Islands Garden Club - Syrup

FUN RUN

7:45 Registration
8:30 2.7-Mile Run
Entry Fee \$5

VOLUNTEER A SHIFT?

Contact Kim at 562-301-1798
kabergkvist@gmail.com

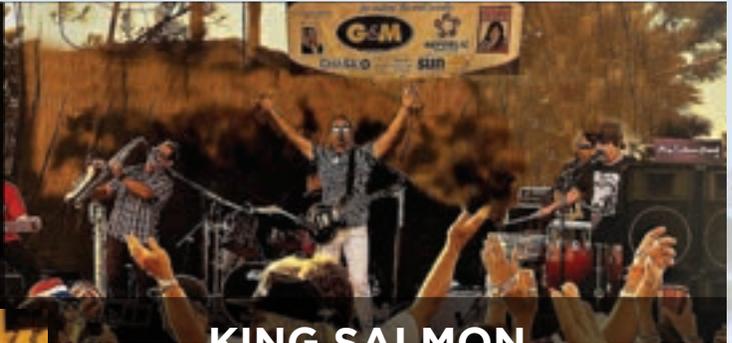
Cash and Checks made out to NIA are accepted for food, raffle tickets, T-shirts and Fun Run.



The Lineup

NIA's 2022
Concerts in the Park

MAY 31



KING SALMON

JUN 28



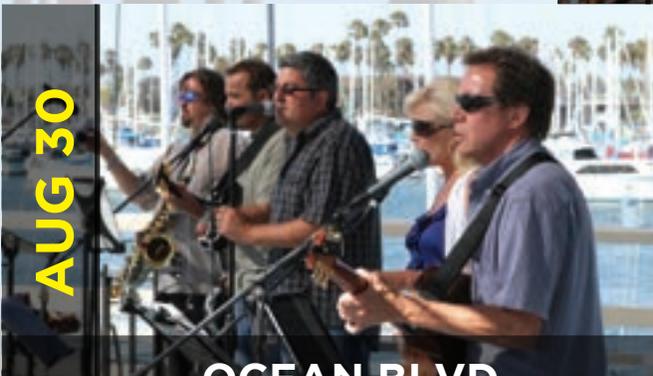
BIG CITY HILLBILLIES
(concert and chili cookoff)

JUL 26



MANUEL THE BAND

AUG 30



OCEAN BLVD

All concerts start at 6PM
in Colonnade Park

June 28's Chili Cookoff
begins at 5PM

SEP 25



BAREFOOT RIDER

Easter Eggcellence

Jessica Hooper, Naples Youth Contessa

On April 15, the Naples Youth Contessa put on an Easter Egg Hunt event for the children of the neighborhood. The girls donated hundreds of eggs filled with candies and small trinkets, bringing them early on Good Friday morning to hide around the colonnade fountain. Music, cookies, and coffee were brought, courtesy of the Naples Contessa mentors, Stacey King and Heather Meyer, and for the kids, the Easter Bunny made a special appearance. Listening to the countdown, the kids waited in anticipation, running hastily as soon as they were able. Reaching under the bushes and jumping up to the trees, they eagerly gathered as many eggs as they could hold. Baskets overflowing, the kids showed off their findings of rings, toys, and candies. After two years of not having the opportunity to hold this tradition, the Contessa Court was excited to welcome the families of the neighborhood back for a day of festivities and celebration, preceding Easter Sunday. The morning was another successful Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt, kicking off the spring season!



See more great Easter Egg Hunt pics online at naplesisland.org/photos or simply scan the QR code below.



MEET THE CANDIDATES

The NIA invited Long Beach City Council 3rd District and City Attorney candidates to attend a Meet-the-Candidates event on Saturday, May 14 at the Colonnade Park. Candidates were each given 5 minutes to make presentations regarding their platforms. At the conclusion of all presentations, the community had the opportunity to meet one on one with the candidates to ask questions. The NIA's Youth Program Contessa, Jessica Hooper, was on hand to serve muffins provided by The Small Cafe. Scout Master John Sangmeister organized a presentation of the colors by Troop 105 of the Boy Scouts, and sound was engineered by Steve Pruitt. The session was moderated by NIA VP of Events, Cynthia Finley.

CITY OF
LONG
BEACH



Schipske

McIntosh



City Council Candidates

Nima J. Novin
Mark Guillen
Kristina Duggan
Greg Magnuson
Kailee Caruso
Deborah Castro

City Attorney Candidates

Dawn McIntosh
Gerrie Schipske

Candidates for City Council 3rd District and City Attorney Shared Their Campaign Priorities with Naples Residents



Novin

Guillen

Duggan

Magnuson

Caruso

Castro



911 or 562-435-6711?

By Katie Rowe



We have all seen it- the guy checking car door handles, the woman following the Amazon truck. What to do? If you want Naples to be safe, take the time to call LBPD!

Calls to both 911 and the Non-Emergency number (562-435-6711) in Long Beach go to the exact same dispatch. So which do you call?

According to our East Division Commander Michael Richens, if you have a suspect and a location, call 911. If not, call the Non-Emergency number.

If you see someone checking door handles, casing homes, stealing mail – that’s a crime in progress– call 911. Obviously, this also includes serious crimes like someone trying to break into your home or attacking someone on the street.

If you come home and find your patio furniture missing, hear distant, or discover someone sideswiped your car – that’s a non-emergency call.

Dispatchers are no longer police employees. They work for the city in the Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communication Department, and handle calls for police, fire, and emergency medical services citywide.

When you call, Dispatch will take a report and possibly ask you more questions or advise on the next steps, and prioritize the call appropriately. Never fear that by calling you are ‘taking resources away from something more important’. As the Commander says, “we want you to call us.”

At the end of the call, always request Contact from the officer, and ask for your Call Number. The officer will reach out to you in person or by phone and let you know the result. The call number allows you to call back on the NE Number anytime and ask what happened- was an officer sent? Did they find the person? Was an arrest made?

If you ever feel like your call isn’t handled properly, you have a few options. First, while on the call, ask for a Supervisor. Alternatively, after the fact, send your call number and the date to the Commander. He can listen to the recording and take corrective action if needed.

LBPD can’t keep us safe without knowing what’s happening on the Island. Calls get us patrols and let the bad guys know Naples isn’t the place for them to be!



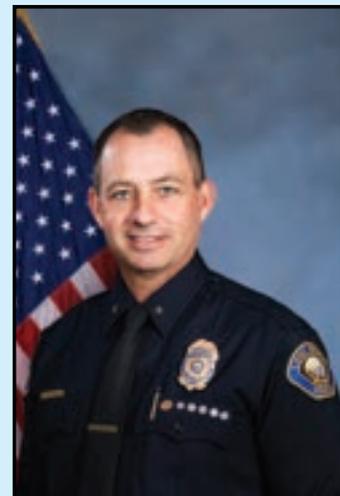
SUMMER MEETING

Saturday • June 11th • 9AM
Colonnade Park

Come meet and hear from our new Chief of Police, Wally Hebeish



and
Deputy Commander, Pat O’Dowd



PLUS:
Get updates on Island crime and safety

Bring your chair and coffee
We’ll bring the donuts!

I'm prepared... are you?

By Sully



Hi! I'm Sully, named after Captain "Sully" Sullenberger, who landed a jetliner in the Hudson. Like him, I'm prepared for the unexpected, including a big disaster such as an earthquake, fire, or flood. My mums know they may not be home, or may not have time to gather my favorite things, in an emergency. So, some of the things they have prepared are:

- My own **emergency plan**
 - emergency contacts, including who can check on me or take care of me if they can't get home,
 - a list of off-island friends and pet-friendly lodging we can go to if needed, and
 - information on my health, veterinarian, and medication stuff.
- My own **emergency kit**
 - a leash (and harness),
 - 3-days worth of food and treats (very important),
 - a blanket,
 - a couple of my favorite toys,
 - some first aid supplies for me,
 - my medicine, and
 - a photo of me in case I get lost.



They keep everything in a backpack right by their own emergency kits and go bags. They said it was easy to put together, because they downloaded the Red Cross "Pet First Aid" app onto their phones (available at [redcross.org/apps](https://www.redcross.org/apps)). It has EVERYTHING on it... videos, quizzes and step-by-step advice on pet first aid; a pet-friendly hotel locator; and tips for creating a pet emergency plan, a first aid kit, an emergency kit; and a lot more. It's free and super easy to use.



[redcross.org/apps](https://www.redcross.org/apps)

My mums, human-types call them Donna Fleming and Theresa Robie, are involved in the Long Beach CERT - Naples Island ("Naples CERT") program. They've got the whole island organized by blocks and divisions and are always looking for people to help out, including identifying volunteers willing to help with pet care in a disaster. Anyone interested in learning more should reach out to lbcert.naples@gmail.com.



Meet Neva and Sadie

Neva Francey takes her cat Sadie's care very seriously. In the event of a disaster, Neva has three "earthquake buddies" (a.k.a. neighbors) committed to check on the house to make sure everything is okay. She keeps an emergency kit in the car (complete with a small cat pan, cat litter, food and water). Neva has a "Paws & Pals" stroller she uses daily to tour Sadie around the islands. In the event of an evacuation, however, she would use it to more easily walk Sadie inland to higher ground.

Meet Nicole and Papaya

This is Nicole Hatley and her parrot, Papaya. Papaya is 33 years old! Nicole had to quickly evacuate her home during the Santa Rosa fires. She recommends all pet owners consider a travel cage, especially for bird owners, as their home cages are usually too large to fit into a car. Have a trusted neighbor know how to transfer the bird in case you are not home!!



More emergency preparedness tips?
Visit [naplesisland.org/cert](https://www.naplesisland.org/cert)

Arbor Day Memorial

Submitted by Trish Schooley and Pam McCredie

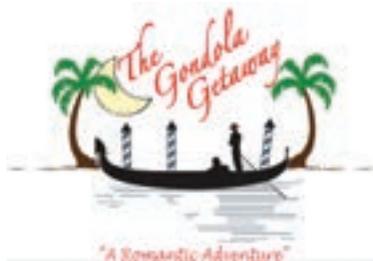
At the Naples Islands Garden Club Arbor Day celebration on March 15th, President Pam McCredie paid tribute to Garden Club members who passed during the last two years. Two crepe myrtle trees were planted in the Naples Elementary School parkway in their memory along with an annual donation to the Penny Pines Project that provides funds for reforestation of the Angeles National Forest. During the special "standing room only" service which was held to pay tribute to lost members, Principal, Paula Spenker, introduced students who recited poems featuring trees. The memorial closed with a presentation of orchids and student crafted bird houses to the families. This cherished tradition was organized by Event Chair, Lynn Shober, her volunteer committee, and the pristine landscape by Linda Frame and her Beautification Committee. The event signified the first opportunity in two years for some to publicly memorialize their loved one.

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NIA 2022 MEMBERSHIP PARTNERS

JOIN the NIA online at naplesisland.org, mail in the form on page 15 or visit our booth at an upcoming NIA Event



THANK YOU to our many Naples Business Partners who supported the NIA's membership drive this year. Your partnerships are integral to advancing quality of life on the islands!

DISCOUNTS*

When You Show Your NIA Membership Card

- Betty Brite Cleaners - 20% off
- Carmen's Coffee Company - 20% off
- Flavor of Punjab
\$5 off \$30+ or \$10 off \$60+
- Gondola Getaway - 25% off
- K. C. Branaghan's - 10% off
- Kihon Sushi - 10% off
- Komo's Cocina - 10% off
- Long Beach Optometry/Dr. Lisa Hopkins - 10% off
- Michael's on Naples - 10% off
- Michael's Pizzeria - 10% off
- Naples Car Wash
Buy a #1 wash, get upgraded to the #2 wash
- Naples Rib Company - \$10 off \$50
- The Small Cafe - 10% off
- Sweet Peas Flower Shop
10% off on purchases up to \$100

SPECIAL OFFERS*

Axis Classical Pilates & Gyrotonic
One week of complimentary unlimited classes with the purchase of the introductory package

Caught In the Moment Photography
\$100 off At-Home Family Portrait Package plus free 8x10 print

Kihon Sushi
\$100+ Members: One comp mochi dessert

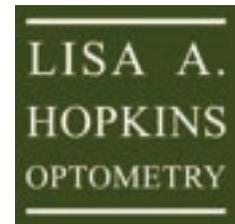
Naples Car Wash
\$100+ Members: One comp #1 car wash

Michael's on Naples
\$250+ Members: \$25 Gift Certificate

Naples Rib Company
\$250+ Members: 50% off one Party Pack (up to \$80 value)

Sweet Peas Flower Shop
\$250+ Members: \$10 Gift Certificate

* - Restrictions apply
See individual merchants for details
Visit naplesisland.org for additional offers



JOIN THE NIA TODAY!

Whether working with the city, addressing improvement initiatives, beautification projects, partner collaborations or community programming, the NIA champions all residents on Naples Island. Membership dues constitute the majority of the NIA's annual budget.

Choose your preferred membership level. Our business partners have helped sweeten the deal! For example, at the \$100 level and up, Naples Car Wash offers members a FREE car wash and Kihon Sushi celebrates with a FREE mochi dessert. At the \$250 level and up, Naples Rib Co. gives members 50% off one of their world famous Party Packs (up to an \$80 value) and Michael's On Naples adds a \$25 gift card! These special, higher-tier benefits are in addition to the popular discounts all members receive when they present their NIA membership cards at participating island businesses. Questions? Contact John Angelo, Membership Chair 513.289.8300 • membership.nia@gmail.com

Members at all levels receive an NIA Membership Card good for special offers and discounts at participating local businesses.



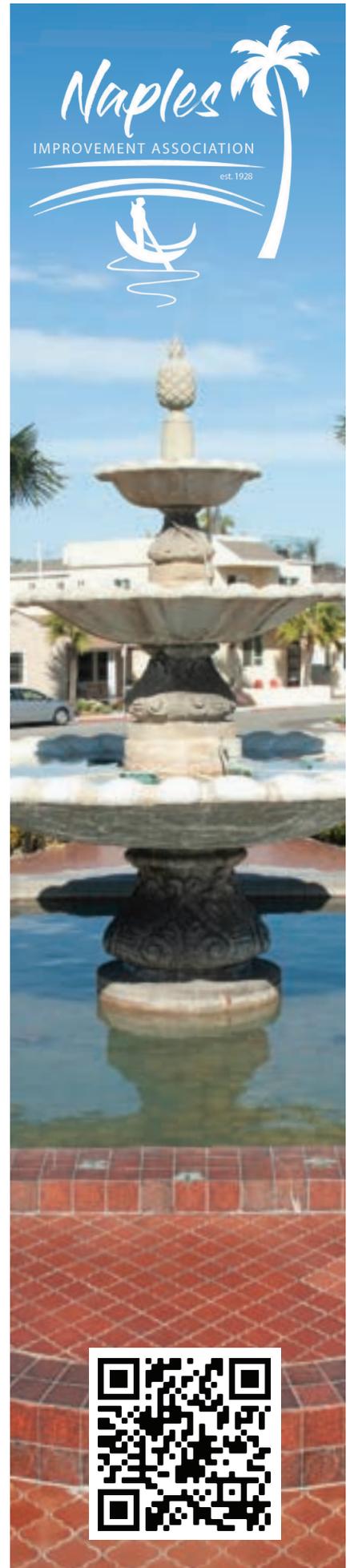
Members at the Community Champion level and higher receive an NIA Concert in the Park Picnic Blanket.

MEMBER BENEFITS	MEMBERSHIP LEVEL					
	Community Supporter \$50	Community Advocate \$100	Community Champion \$250	Community Star \$500	La Bella Fontana Circle \$1,000	Arthur Parson's Circle \$2,000
Vote on matters critical to the island	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monthly eNews—NIA Hot Topics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Naples Business Discount Card Substantial savings at partner restaurants, shops and services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognized by name and contribution level in Naples News and on the NIA website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NIA 2022-23 Window Sticker	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
One complimentary #1 wash at Naples Car Wash		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
One complimentary mochi dessert from Kihon		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keepsake NIA Concert-in-the-Park Picnic Blanket			✓	✓	✓	✓
\$10 Gift Certificate to Sweet Peas Flower Shop			✓	✓	✓	✓
\$25 Gift Certificate to Michael's On Naples			✓	✓	✓	✓
50% off one Naples Rib Co. Party Pack Up to an \$80 value			✓	✓	✓	✓
\$100 off At-Home Family Portrait Pkg + free 8x10 print from Caught In The Moment Photography			✓	✓	✓	✓
Tickets to the Naples Pancake Breakfast				2	4	8
Tickets to the Annual Installation + Awards Dinner Celebrating the Heartwell Award Recipient, Boat Parade and Holiday Decor Winners, and the Incoming NIA Board Members					2	4
Business Logo on Membership Roster in Naples News and on website						✓

2022-2023

NIA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership runs June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. You can register online with PayPal or credit card (secured link with encrypted processing) at NaplesIsland.org or mail this form with check payable to: NIA • PO Box 3687 • Long Beach, CA 90803. You can also register in-person at most NIA events, including Concerts in the Park and the Pancake Breakfast.



MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

- Community Supporter - \$50
- Community Star- \$500
- Community Advocate - \$100
- La Bella Fontana Circle - \$1,000
- Community Champion - \$250
- Arthur Parson's Circle - \$2,000

\$ _____ additional contribution for _____

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PRIMARY MEMBER

SECOND MEMBER - same residence

Name

Name

Email (to receive NIA's monthly eNews)

Email

Phone # (for emergency notifications)

Phone #

Mailing Address (to receive printed NIA materials)

NIA ROSTER OF SUPPORTERS

May the NIA list your name (no contact info) in its roster of supporters featured on naplesisland.org and in the Naples News Magazine?

- Yes No

Name as you would like it to appear in the NIA's roster of supporters:

- Same as above (Primary Member and Second Member, if applicable)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES I would like more information about:

- Advancing initiatives and "hot topics"
- My block's Neighborhood Watch efforts
- My block's Emergency Preparedness Plan (CERT)
- Developing Youth Activities
- Writing for Naples News or NIA Website
- Photography for Naples News or NIA Website
- Volunteer Relations Team
- Membership Relations Team
- Serving on the Board

EVENT SUPPORT

- Pancake Breakfast
- Boat Parade
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Independence Bike Ride
- Flea Market
- Concerts in the Park
- Holiday Decor Competition
- Annual Dinner/Awards Ceremony





Why Join the NIA?

Around 1903, Arthur M. Parsons raised \$500k to purchase the land that would become Naples of today. Parsons' vision was dubbed the "Dreamland of Southern California." It featured canals, gondoliers and street names inspired by Venice, Italy. The project was completed in the 1920s and rebuilt following the earthquake of 1933.

The Naples Improvement Association (NIA) was founded in 1928 and incorporated in 1932. This 94-year-old organization has long been a champion for quality-of-life issues on the islands. The NIA is not a Homeowners Association (HOA)... it cannot make mandates across the island or with constituents such as the City, the Coastal Commission or the County. But it does serve as a conduit for two-way flow of information AND it does advocate as a united voice when there is relative consensus among its constituents on "Hot Topics."

The NIA brings information to the community. Naples News is published four times per year and delivered to

all 1,600+ doorsteps in the community. Hot Topics, is eblasted monthly and naplesisland.org is becoming a one-stop portal for community updates and connections.

The NIA's volunteer board members, committee chairs and key volunteers contribute their time and resources to connect with vital partners, study issues, and when needed, represent the community. They can't do it on their own though. The NIA is at its very best when we connect as a community and unite our voices and resources to champion our collective priorities and proactively work to improve quality of life on Naples Islands. It starts with your support of the NIA.

Whether working with the city, addressing improvement initiatives, beautification projects, partner collaborations or community programming, the NIA champions all residents on Naples Island. Membership dues constitute the majority of the NIA's annual budget.

MISSION

The mission of the NIA is to promote and protect the interests and welfare of the Naples community, particularly in regards to public improvements, public utilities and all other governmental related activities; to unite the property owners and residents for the purposes of developing and improving the civic and social interests and activities; and to partner with other organizations and associations whose missions are similar to those of the NIA.

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