

Dear Community Member,

I hope this Fall update finds you, your family, and friends healthy and safe in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian. In the days since Ian, the tragic stories and need for help keep bombarding our news and thoughts as we try to move forward with necessary business as usual activities. Kings Lake is fortunate to have sustained minor damages to landscape and reports coming in indicate that our homeowners have fared well, also sustaining only minor damages. We lost about 10 to 12 trees and I would like to thank everyone, in particular, Mary Legault, Bob Casale and Nora Schweihs, for their leadership in overseeing our cleanup. Erminio, Dan, and our tree vendor, Mark Williams, did an excellent job in the immediate days following this event with only one or two areas still needing to be addressed. I would like to remind everyone about our community Facebook group page, Kings Lake HOA Naples, set up about 6 months ago. It is currently an under-utilized communication tool that can help our members stay in touch with each other. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/941955356377399/?ref=share> to sign up. General news and information, requests for referrals or recommendations for vendors, rental opportunities, items, or photos of interest to our community are the types of messages you are free to post. Emails that come through our website are also read and responded to daily. Do not hesitate to reach out to any member of the board. Our new property manager, Nora Schweihs, has also done a fantastic job in getting back to owners in a timely manner. Other sad news to report is the recent passing of Dave Dardi, a board member recently re-elected to the board. Dave has served several years on the board as an officer and right up to days before his passing, continued to support and provide guidance to the new members of our board. Dave, along with Nancy Payton, who also passed early this year, were both instrumental on our Lakes Committee and overseeing our newly developed Lake Management Plan. Even days before his passing, Dave was still serving our community addressing issues with our current lake management vendor. Dave's leadership, collaborative spirit and passion for our lakes and community will be missed.

We currently have two board openings; the board has started the process to speak to candidates interested in key openings and roles needed to be filled. If you have interest in our Lake Management Program, please reach out to me asap. The commitment to time is minimal but your involvement can make a difference. We have been recruiting for committees for months and the lakes committee has lost all its committee members. I have stepped in as chair until a new chairperson is found. The lack of interest is surprising and concerning given the recent outcry for lake management improvement. We will be changing lake management vendors and need an individual who will oversee the new contract and services delivered. Also seeking lake monitors to help identify specific areas needing special attention.

As you may know, your board usually does not meet during the summer months of July and August although committee work and maintenance projects continue. Long overdue maintenance and improvements to our maintenance shed, walls, pump house have been completed. Our directional sign and landscape improvement project at the end of Kings Way is still in progress and targeted for completion in 2023. The documents rewrite committee will have an update and new set of draft documents to post in the coming weeks. At some point in the coming weeks or months, a town hall will be scheduled for community discussion.

The budget committee is wrapping up the proposed budget for 2023 and board discussion scheduled for our October 17th board meeting. The budget vote will be scheduled in early November after the community mailing and proper notice of the vote. In this packet, we will be including a contact form and ask that you update your mailing, email addresses, and consider opting in for electronic communication for association business.

Finally, I am hoping to schedule our first meeting of Presidents of our Kings Lake subdivisions in the coming weeks and invites will be going out in the coming days. If you are a new officer of one of our subdivisions and have not notified us, please let me know so I can add you to the list.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17th 6:30 pm. Please note earlier time. The meeting will be held at the Elks Lodge, 11250 Tamiami Trail E, Naples, FL . Meeting will also be available via zoom.

Best wishes,

Gail Miers
President