



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

# IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES HOA

Connecting neighbors, building community

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### LEARNING ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

## What's the difference between the IGE HOA and the GIB?

The Imperial Golf Estates Homeowners Association (IGE HOA) operates independently from the Greater Imperial Board (GIB). The GIB is made up of 13 members, with one representative from each of the surrounding neighborhood HOAs and one from the golf course. Decisions are made collectively by all 13 members. The GIB manages the front gate, while the IGE HOA is responsible for the back gate.

Both the IGE HOA and the GIB hold regular meetings to address important community issues. To stay informed, it's helpful to review the meeting minutes. Links to the meeting minutes are included in the Quick Links section on the last page of the newsletter.

## HOT TOPIC

### Speed Bumps

This has been a significant topic of discussion within the community. The installation of speed bumps was part of an initiative by the GIB to address concerns like speeding, gate damage, and tailgating. However, at the November 21st meeting, the GIB voted to remove the speed bumps and explore alternatives. Each time the gate is damaged, the repair cost amounts to \$150.

## LATEST NEWS

### Line in the Sand

The chattel resolution has passed, and we can now look forward to better adherence to the Imperial Golf Estates rules. The goal is to maintain the integrity of the neighborhood and ensure fairness in application of the rules. Please be aware that the rules will be enforced, and we trust all homeowners recognize the importance to property values and neighborhood upkeep.

## ARB INFO

The ARB (Architectural Review Board) process is required for any repairs, renovations, or additions to the exterior of a home. This includes projects like roofing, windows, landscaping, and more. No work can begin without first submitting an ARB request. The committee will review your submission and provide a decision, which may include approval, denial, or a request for additional information.

Additionally, indoor projects that require a dumpster or outdoor bathroom facilities also need written approval before starting.

Any exterior work done without ARB approval may result in fines and, if necessary, legal action to enforce compliance with HOA rules.

Most ARB requests are processed within 72 hours if all required documents are submitted. The ARB's goal is to maintain the integrity and beauty of the community.

### How Do I Submit an ARB Request?

Submitting an ARB request form is easy! Visit the ICE HOA website, and click on "Forms" from the lefthand sidebar. Then choose "ARB Request Form - On Line" from the list. You can also click the button below.

**ARB Request  
Form**

### What Documents Do I Need?

Depending on the request, you may need documents like a drawing, brochure photo, plot plan, and the contractor's insurance and license. For a full list of what should accompany the form, click the link below.

**ARB Form  
Instructions**

### Take Note

The contractor's insurance certificate and license are the most forgotten documents and can delay approval several days or weeks.



## SCHOOL REZONE

Please submit feedback to Collier County School Board in support of **Option B**, to keep our students and properties zoned for **Veterans Memorial Elementary**.

[Click Here for the CCPS Feedback Form](#)

**Important!** Responses made previously in the winter or spring do not count, and it is critical we all submit the form again.

At the November 19th, 2024 work session, the School Board indicated they are considering two options: Option A (the original) which will rezone Imperial to Naples Park Elementary, or **Option B**, which will keep Imperial at Veterans Memorial Elementary.

The school board has indicated that community feedback received will play a significant role in their final decision.

**Option B** helps reduce traffic congestion on westbound Immokalee Road and impacts approximately 700 fewer students. There are several other implications for Imperial as well, such as to property values. Please submit feedback via the link to keep Imperial at VME. The Imperial VME Families thank you for your support!



## QUICK NOTES

### Social Media



Several years ago, the board decided not to participate in Nextdoor discussions. For any HOA-related questions or community matters, please contact Vesta or a board member directly.

### Did you know?



Capital expenditures over \$50,000 for GIB require each of the 13 communities to conduct a resident vote in accordance with their own HOA rules to determine how they will vote on the GIB expenditure.

### Tree Maintenance



If you've noticed colored bands on trees, the board is counting trees for maintenance and will soon gather bids for trimming. We'll also clean the preserve near Duke Drive once the ground dries.



## CRITTER CORNER

Contributed by Pam Meyers

Here in SWFL we have 28 different species of snakes, with 4 being venomous. Those 4 are the Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake, Pygmy Rattlesnake, Coral Snake and the Water Moccasin (Cottonmouth). Contrary to what many believe, you won't find a Copperhead or Timber (Canebrake) Rattlesnake this far south. Snakes get a bad rap, they really are such an important part of our ecosystem

We do not have any aggressive snakes here in FL. Snakes would rather retreat than have a close encounter with a human. Did you know the majority of snake bites are a direct result of people getting too close trying to kill a snake? Best to keep your distance. In the next newsletter, we will show how to properly ID the venomous snakes

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Contributed by Mike Kaplan

## NEIGHBORHOOD WILDLIFE



Imperial is home to a rich variety of wildlife that inspires a true sense of awe. It's important that we all respect and protect these creatures, ensuring their safety as well as our own.



## HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST!

This Christmas, decorate your house full of Christmas joy and cheer for a decorating competition. The winner will get a sweet prize.

You can participate by sending a text to 702-600-4134 with your name and address.

The winner will be announced December 15th.  
Merry Christmas and good luck!

Organized and Conducted by Daniela De Pietto and family

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**ARB Request  
Form**

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