

# IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

**MAY 2020**

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## **MAY 2020 BOARD MEETING**

Your Board met via teleconference on May 21, 2020. Notices of the meeting were posted on all bulletin Boards and on our website. Residents could participate via conference call

## **WEBSITE ADDRESS CHANGE**

Your HOA has acquired the Internet domain address of [www.ImperialGolfEstates.info](http://www.ImperialGolfEstates.info) and have transitioned to this new web address. We made the change simply because we believe the new Internet address is easier to remember and is a better description of our community. Please go review the new website and you will see it is updated and provides weekly, if not daily, updates on current HOA events and happenings. We also own [www.ImperialGolfEstates.org](http://www.ImperialGolfEstates.org) and this web address will also automatically transfer you to our HOA web page.

## **NEW FREE SERVICE FROM COMCAST**



peacock

<https://www.peacocktv.com/>



The bird has landed  
Now on X1 and Flex at no extra cost. Enjoy early access to Peacock, the new streaming service from NBCUniversal. And watch anytime with Peacock Premium, on us, no strings attached (a \$4.99/mo value).

### **Step 1: Say "Show me Peacock"**

Use your Voice Remote to find it instantly.

### **Step 2: Confirm your email**

Unlock unlimited access to thousands of shows and movies.

### **Step 3: Kick back and enjoy**

Grab some snacks and let the all-day, all-night binge-a-thons begin.

## **FRONT GATE ACCESS**

According to our property manager, several vehicles were unable to access the front gate after security went live in June. We previously reported 237 homes had not provided their GIB Information Sheets with their front gate information device numbers to Sandcastle. You will find the list on the secure portion of our website at:

<https://imperialgolfestates.info/secure/financials.htm>.

We strongly recommend that if you are on the list, and have not resolved the matter with the property manager, complete the attached sheet and then email it to Sandcastle at:

[ImperialDevice@sandcastlecm.com](mailto:ImperialDevice@sandcastlecm.com), so Sandcastle can update their records. The front gate is enforcing security and we do not want to see any member of the community denied access.

## **INVASIVE WEED SPRAYING IN OUR LAKES**

Your Board has an ongoing contract to keep invasive vegetation out of our lakes and along the shoreline. The spraying is done periodically, but always before high water season to ensure we are controlling the growth prior to plants being submerged. The Board is reviewing what chemicals the vendor uses and what vegetation should, or should not, be allowed. This issue will be sent to our Lakes Committee for research and feedback to the Board.

## **MEET YOUR BOARD**

We are continuing a segment in the Newsletter for the next few months. We will be introducing you to your Board of Directors, your superintendent, and your committee members. Each month will feature a different community member. Please remember your Board members and committee members are all volunteers. They donate their time and efforts for all of us. We have already introduced you to HOA President Charlie Litow, and Vice President Gale Schwartz. This month you will meet your HOA Secretary Tom Harruff.

Your current HOA Board Secretary is Tom Harruff



Tom and his wife Anne

Tom and Anne Harruff moved from Kettering Ohio to Imperial Golf Estates when he retired full time in June 2003. Previously they had a condo in Bay Forest here in Naples for five years as part time residents.

Tom has served on your Board most of the time from 2005 until present. He has held all four Board Officer positions, President, Vice President, Secretary (Currently) and Treasurer.

Tom grew up and went to school in Ohio and Upstate New York where he married his wife Anne who had the locker next to him at New Hartford Central High School. He holds Masters Degrees in Logistics Management (Air Force Institute of Technology) and MBA in Finance (Wright State University). His 40-year Air Force Civilian career started as a blue-collar worker and ended in a series on executive positions at Wright- Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. Tom and Anne have a Son who lives in upstate New York and a Daughter whose family lives in Naples. They have four Grandchildren and 6 Great-Grandchildren.

Tom is most proud of bringing the Entrada Gate to the residents of Imperial Golf Estates HOA, a project that had languished for many years, and had been promised to the residents of Phase 5. It was a multi-year project and the contract for the gate and road was brought in under cost and on schedule.

Tom has also served on the Greater Imperial Board (GIB) as its President, Treasurer, and Director representing our community. Anne, a State of Ohio certified Master Gardener, was the Beautification Chair for the GIB for almost ten years. They both love our community and have enjoyed making improvements to our community.

Perhaps the high point of Tom's Air Force career was when he was awarded the Air Force Association's Logistics Executive Management Award at their Annual Convention in Washington D.C. Tom and Anne's hosts at their table that evening were NASA Astronaut Neil Armstrong and his wife Janet. Tom and Neil reminisced about growing up in Ohio in towns that were just 20 miles apart. **How often do you get to spend the evening with the first man on the moon?**



Neil Armstrong

**HOA COMMITTEES**

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

Gale Schwartz - Chair

**BEAUTIFICATION**

Deb Frost - Chair

**ENTRADA BACK GATE**

Jim Wilson - Chair

**GREATER IMPERIAL BOARD**

**REPRESENTATIVE**

Tom Harruff

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

Tom Harruff – Chair

John Mickelson – Assistant Chair

**LAKES**

Gale Schwartz – Chair

John Mickelson –Assistant Chair

**NEWSLETTER**

John Mickelson - Chair

**VIOLATIONS**

Charlie Litow – Chair

**WEB MASTER LIAISON**

Charlie Litow & John Mickelson

**HOA SUPERINTENDANT**

Mark Thieme

**HOA WEB PAGE**

Web Master – Mike Shields

[www.igenaples.info/index](http://www.igenaples.info/index)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

HOA First Quarter Fees - Due January First Of Every Year \$598.39 for 2020

HOA Second Quarter Fees - Due April First Of Every Year \$598.39 for 2020

HOA Third Quarter Fees - Due July First Of Every Year \$598.39 for 2020

HOA Fourth Quarter Fees - Due October First Of Every Year \$598.39 for 2020

HOA Board Meetings - To be determined due to the corona virus. Notices will be posted and sent via email when the meetings are set.  
at Sandcastle Office  
9150 Galleria Ct #201  
Naples, FL 34109

**IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES**

**HOME SALES**

As of May 30, 2020

14	Houses Active For sale
7	Pending With Contingency
2	Pending
17	Closed Sales 2020
\$527,106	Average selling price

Average selling price per square foot - \$205.30



## **MAY 2020 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT BY MARK E. THIEME**

### **Entrada Gate House:**

Young people continue to hop the back gate and litter around the area. Video's of the violations continue to be posted on our web site.

The cleaning of curbing at the gate was completed.

### **Shop:**

The shop needed some items replaced. Maintenance of equipment and shop repairs is on-going. All purchases were approved by Director Mickelson and forwarded to the Treasurer.

### **Seasonal Flowers:**

Director Mickelson asked the Beautification committee for input on plantings in several bare spots along our roads. Normal foliage replacement and trimming is on-going.

### **Drainage:**

For discussion on the 3 box drain repairs and 2016 driveway, drain drop.

### **Fence:**

No decision has been made on the Imperial fence repair. The Board is still reviewing bids and may seek additional bids. Directors Harruff, Mickelson, and Wilson will follow up and report back to the Board.

### **Signage:**

Sign replacement stopped until the Board provides direction. Director Mickelson asked that replacing any street signs be stopped until further notice.

### **Gutter and Curb Staining Still Pending:**

Cardno hydrogeological services was contracted to change the water use permit for Imperial to access the lower aquifer (no rust). Believing that we will be accepted, after approval we will then connect Regal Park and the 4way intersection to clean water. Then, we can proceed to clean the rust stains from those areas. The next projects in line would be Princess Park, Majestic Park and Princess Forrest Park.

### **Zach's Lake Bubbler System:**

No decision has been made yet. It will be discussed at the June 2020 Board meeting. Director's Mickelson & Schwartz assisted me in obtaining signatures on an agreement with several homeowners on Zach's Lake that will allow for the aeration system to be installed.

### **Beautification Maintenance List:**

Director Mickelson presented me with a maintenance work schedule provided to him by the Beautification Committee. It is a recommendation of specific work to be completed routinely

to enhance community beautification. The goal will be to incorporate as many of the recommendations as possible into the on-going maintenance schedule.

### **Weir Repairs:**

Weir maintenance has started with the rainy season approaching. Boards are being replaced on one weir and sand bags placed there were partially removed. The golf course is supposed to remove and haul away the remaining bags. Our Big Bertha pump will be ready for any emergencies.

### **Cypress Preserve:**

A concern was raised about ground clutter and decomposing plant life in Cypress Preserve. A preserve is governed by Florida State Law as to what can and cannot be done without a permit from the State. Florida has specific laws limiting what anyone may do within a Preserve. The issue continues and will be forwarded to the appropriate committee for assistance.

## **PARKING IN IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES**

We are all reminded that parking on the grass along our Roadways is not allowed. Our rules prohibit parking on the grass anywhere in the community. This is especially true for areas around our lakes and parks. Parking on the grass is a violation of our rules and the Sheriff's office can issue parking citations for the violation. The Board may also assess fines for these parking violations to the registered owners of the offending vehicles. Please do your part to keep our community beautiful and do not park on the grass which can damage or kill it.

## **NEW ENTRADA GATE RULE**

In the last 4 Newsletters, we have informed our residents of on-going violations of the Entrada Gate, (the back gate). We have video of multiple vehicles violating the rules, along with pedestrians, (primarily young adults), jumping over the gates and littering. Your Board has been unable to stop these violations with Newsletter notices and by posting video of the violations on our web site. We have been unable to identify the violators in the videos in order to contact the families concerned to help them get pedestrian FOB's for the back gate. Because the violations have not stopped, the Board has unanimously passed a new rule for the Entrada Gate. The new rule will allow the HOA to sanction pedestrian violators by removing their pedestrian and family vehicle access to the back gate. Unfortunately, this could mean your child gets your families back gate privileges revoked. This will make the front gate, from Tamiami, (Highway 41), the only access point for the community.

Parents are requested to speak with their children about climbing over the back gate to ensure a child's actions do not cost an entire family to lose back gate vehicle and pedestrian access.

Your Board regrets having to take this step, but continued and increasing violations made it necessary. Please take a moment to review the new rule that prohibits anyone from climbing

over the perimeter fence or pedestrian gate to enter or exit the community. We also ask owners to share this with all individuals in your household as well as lessees that are occupying your home. The exact wording of the new rule is as follows:

**IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Board of Directors

May 21, 2020

C/O Sandcastle Community Management, Inc

9150 Galleria Court

Naples, FL 34110.

**Rule Regarding Entry Through Entrada Gate Area**

The Articles of Incorporation and the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions of the Imperial Golf Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. give the Board of Directors the authority to promulgate and enforce reasonable rules and regulations for the safety, health, welfare, happiness and peace of mind of the Members of the Association.

The Entrada Gate was part of a major project funded by the members of IGEHOA that included access to Livingston Rd, via Entrada. Access through the Entrada gate is limited to only those residents or renters residing or owning property in one of the five Phases of IGEHOA. Vehicle entry or exit into or out of Imperial is controlled by bar codes attached to authorized residents/renters' vehicles. A separate pedestrian gate is available and is controlled by key fobs that unlock the pedestrian gate. Any attempt to enter through the Entrada Gate area through either the vehicle gates or the pedestrian gate not using vehicle mounted bar codes or pedestrian gate key fobs is considered trespassing and could result in injury to vehicles or persons attempting unauthorized entry.

The Board of Directors sells vehicle bar codes and pedestrian gate key fobs through the Property Manager's office. Any individual trying to by-pass any of these automated entry systems, especially by climbing over the perimeter fence or the pedestrian gate is trespassing. Non-residents can be reported as trespassers to the Collier County Sheriff's Office. Residents by passing the automated entry systems could have the access devices for the entire household deactivated as specified in the Revised Rule Governing the Authorized Use of the Entrada (Marquis) Gate for Entry and Exit from Imperial Golf Estates.



## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING

**MAY 13, 2020 - BY DEB FROST**

- 1) Entrance sign- ideas presented
  - a. repaint to more current color trends.
  - b. Landscape to hide pillar design, or add vine to pillar
- 2) 4 Way appearance
  - a. Landscaping — remove old queen palms replace with canopy trees
  - b. Lift station fencing — add vine to current fencing to hide
  - c. Add medium size 4-6' plantings on east side of fencing between sidewalk & street
- 3) Adding canopy trees for shade & aesthetics
  - a. JP report on trees

Was quoted \$245 for 8-10 foot trees planted. However, The company which quoted \$245 per 8-10 foot trees withdrew the quote due to change in ownership. New owner is focused on maintaining current base of business and is not in a position to do additional jobs.

- b. Ideas on getting donations from residents
  - c. Write letter for tree locations between sidewalk & street —Tree line streets add value
- 4) Park appearance
  - a. What parks need additional landscaping
    - i. Add a canopy tree- street side to most of the parks
  - b. Annual ideas for flowers
    - i. JP submitted the following suggestions for Florida flowers
      1. Pentas — last more than a season
      2. Evolvulus as ground cover
      3. Coreopsis bright and cheery
      4. Gerbera bright flowers
      5. Bolivian Sunset Gloxinia winter flower
      6. Blue Salvia spring, summer & fall flower
      7. Heuchera good shade area plant



8. Purslane full sun flower
9. Lavender also full sun flower
10. Mexican Heather ground cover

c. Benches & signs — need to be routinely maintained

5) General appearance overall

- a. Street signs — need to be routinely maintained
- b. Mailboxes — Majority of the committee felt, boxes should all be the same one & installed by association (not this year because of virus) but also maintained by the association. Will research cost effective ones and maintenance contracts.
- c. Sidewalks — Phase 5 pressure cleaned & phase 1-4 would be nice in the future to change to concrete from the asphalt. Need shade by canopy trees
- d. Street gutters — need to be routinely maintained
- e. Rust/Iron staining — needs to be eliminated
- f. Enforcement of HOA rules — needs to be the same on all owners. Spotty now- Management company should be the ones siting to keep bias out of the equation.
- g. A routine maintenance schedule was being created as a suggest to Mark's supervisor.

**Greater Imperial Board Presidents Report**

Imperial Golf Estates GIB Representative – Director T. Harruff

Next GIB Meeting scheduled on 5-28-20:

**GIB PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

We are having a meeting on May 28th at the Island/Weybridge Club House. It is big enough that we should be able to spread out and cover the items from March, April and May.

We will be going off good read on June first and my hope is that we all have done a good job in getting our residents to fill out those forms and that their information is in the system. Then we will start to handle the guest lane in July in hopes that our residents can provide better service as it relates to our quest coming into Imperial.

As I told you in my last report we were able to get liability insurance at a cost of \$ 10,700.36, but with a \$ 5000.00 deductible. Most of the claims are small and we should be able to handle them on a need basis. There is plenty of signage at the gate house that the issue of bars hitting cars should not happen.

I have a quote from A. J. Lofendo CPA to do a compilation. A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is a representation of

management. It is not an audit, but a review of financial statements. The cost is not to exceed \$1000.00

The Imperial Golf Estates President sent me an email and we had a phone conversation about the second amendment that was approved May 23, 2013 that was revised and restated the bylaws. The short version is that the Board votes on all items as a single per Director. The exception is any capital improvement over \$ 50,000.00, or amending the GIB agreement, would be by a weighted vote. A  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority weighted vote is required to elect an officer when a weighted vote has been requested by a Director before the officer position vote is called. The President of the Imperial Golf Estates and his Board have asked that we change back to a weighted vote on all items, since they pay 34% of the GIB dues and feel they deserve to have more influence. This needs to be discussed since I was not on that Board and Leonard Joyce was President of the GIB at the time and a resident of the Estates.

The Bike Path: I hope you have had a chance to discuss with your Board and Residents about the proposal. I will assume the answer is no in some cases. I would propose that we consider a vote on the project at the June meeting, based on \$ 135.00 per door spread over three years at cost per month \$ 3.75 per door for 36 months. Something to consider.

Greg – GIB President



## **SEALCOATING**

The issue of sealcoating our roads seems to come up constantly. Some believe sealcoating is absolutely worthless, while others see it as necessary road maintenance to prevent the major expenses associated with replacing roads. We will have a presentation at a future Board meeting about sealcoating alternatives. We will ensure residents are notified when this

presentation takes place. Sealcoating is extremely expensive and your Board is aware that some of our residents believe the major expense of sealcoating is not required and does not provide a good cost/benefit ratio to the community. Your Board is also aware some of our residents believe seal coating is required to avoid the major expenses associated with premature road replacement. There is currently no plan to do any sealcoating to any of our roads in the immediate future, so we have time to research this issue in more detail. **The Board has made NO DECISION about sealcoating; but continues to study all options. There are no plans to authorize any seal coating in the immediate future. The Board will notify everyone when seal coating is to be discussed again.**

### **COMCAST UPDATE – ONGOING NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES**

The Board recently received information from Comcast that indicates that almost 200 homeowners in IGEHOA have not contacted Comcast to be hooked up to the new fiber optic cable to their home, known as Fiber to the Home or FTTH. The free hook up period continues until August 1, 2020. After that homeowners will be charged by Comcast for FTTH hook ups.

Currently Comcast is running the old coaxial cable hook up to these homes but sometime after August 1<sup>st</sup> they will take down the coaxial cable network and if your residence has not been hooked up to the new fiber network you will lose both cable TV and Internet services. See the information below on how to contact Comcast to hook up your home to the new fiber optic cable network for free until August 1, 2020.

The notice below was in several previous Newsletters and will remain in all future Newsletters until August 1, 2020. After this date, Comcast may no longer connect a home to the fiber optic system free of charge. We will continue to include this information in our Newsletter until the free

installation time frame has expired. Comcast will eventually stop supporting the existing older system. If you do not switch over before August 1, 2020, you will incur fees when you transfer to the new service, and you will lose all cable and internet if you do not switch as Comcast will eventually stop supporting the old service.

We are including this notice because we want to ensure everyone gets the chance to connect to the new fiber optic system in a timely fashion while it is still free of charge. If you wait until after August 1, 2020 to get your home connected to the fiber optic system, Comcast will charge a fee for the connection. Please take advantage of getting the system connected to your home while the connection service is free.

The current coaxial cable line to your home (legacy system) will continue to be operated for now, but it will eventually be discontinued. The Comcast phone number to call to get the fiber optic connected is 800-934-6489.

**FINANCIAL REPORT FROM TREASURER PAT MCCABE**

April 2020 financials

The following is select financial information for the IGEHOA for the month of April 2020:

Balance Sheet

Assets		Liabilities and Equity	
Cash	\$315,476	Current Liab.	\$412,734
Reserves	198,235	Reserves	198,235
Accts. Rec.	37,812	Equity	63,449
Other	<u>138,041</u>	gain/(loss)	<u>15,146</u>
total	\$689,564		\$689,564

The financial position of the HOA is good and it has adequate cash to meet its needs.

Monthly Income and Expense

Income

Budgeted	\$131,583
Actual	<u>130,746</u>
Difference:	\$ (837)

Expense

Budgeted	\$131,583
Actual	<u>112,662</u>
Difference:	\$ 18,921

Actual expense was significantly lower than budgeted due to receipt of insurance proceeds for previous damage to back gate and lower ground maintenance expense.

Treasurer’s Comments;

The HOA’s financial condition is steadily improving.

This month’s balance sheet shows the reserve account with a balance of \$198,235.

I have ordered the PM to open an account at a second institution for reserve money.

Accounts receivable are up slightly, however, from \$20,000 to \$37,000.

April’s balance sheet also shows available cash for monthly operating expense at \$313,000.

Meanwhile the monthly cash amount needed for operating expense is \$131,000.

The current reserve schedule is outdated and I have prepared a draft of a proposed new schedule to submit to the Board for review and comment. Pat McCabe, Treasurer.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT MAY 2020

By Charlie Litow

-New high school. Our attorney conducted an analysis of the situation. Since those details are privileged, I simply need a motion and approval that our attorney is authorized by the Board to call Tammy Alonso at SFWMD and to set up a conference call with Mr. Kurtz and Mr. Eastman to discuss the matter further so our position can be known and articulated.

-Political flags. A member in the HOA is flying a flag supporting a politician. Our rules do not prohibit same. If someone feels this is not proper and wishes to prohibit same, then we need a motion and second to discuss it.

-Bike Lane along road to front gate. I have spoken with several people about the issue both positive and negative. I feel the best thing we can do is conduct a survey using our website to truly understand how our members feel. I would ask for a motion and second so we can properly discuss same.

-Dr. Katherine Boho, a Clinical Psychologist living at 2076 Imperial Circle is offering her services for free to members impacted by Covid-19. While certainly a nice gesture, I don't see how the board can recommend her services.

-1978 Countess. This property has regularly been on the violations list for 2 years now. The lawn is a disaster and it is likely the irrigation system no longer functions. Do we continue down the violation path knowing it does not work or send a letter from our attorney that if you don't take action, we will replace the lawn and irrigation and place a lien on the home? The home is owned by a company and rents it out. I think its time we move forward with latter approach. Can I have a motion and second to discuss?

-1923 IGCB. ARB inadvertently approved a fence in the front yard. What if anything is our next step? Questions?

-Veterans Road expansion. The committee is gathering more information before a determination is made if an attorney is necessary. We need a motion, second and approval to allow the committee to contact county commissioner Solis so we can see if we can garner his support for our concerns.

-2015 IGCB. The owner would like to do is replace the sidewalk, which looks pretty bad, as it has multiple patches, colors and lots of cracks. He would propose replacing the asphalt in front of the property with the dark grey pavers that currently border the driveway. This way the sidewalk would blend in with the existing dark asphalt and not stand out too much. He thinks this would look so much better than the existing sidewalk. Attached is an agreement that is acceptable to the owner.

I support anyone wanting to improve and beautify our common areas and are willing to pick up the expense and maintenance. I would like a motion to approve and a second so we can discuss.

## **ZACH'S LAKE AERATION SYSTEM**

The Board will be discussing a proposed aeration system for Zach's Lake at the June Board meeting. Resident's living on any lake, especially Zach's Lake, are encouraged to participate. The system being proposed has been approved by the Lake's Committee and is being forwarded to the full HOA Board for consideration.

## **STREET GUTTERS AND CURBS**

The last Newsletter reminded residents they are responsible for the curbs, gutters, and any concrete sewer covers that border their property. We need to keep them clean. Please remember this responsibility. Cleaning our curbs and gutters is a never-ending job. Your Board is asking you to try and maintain the gutters and curbs in front of your homes. If residents assist in keeping the gutters and curbs cleaned, it will save all of us money in dues. If residents clean the gutters and curbs, your HOA dues will not be raised to continuously pay the many thousands of dollars it would cost for the HOA to hire a contractor to do what most of us can do ourselves. Your cooperation will be appreciated and it is a requirement.

There are many cleaning agents that work on concrete. **Your Board is not endorsing one product over another**, but please use something that is approved for concrete and do spot test cleaning first. Please ensure any product you use does not leave a stain that is worse than what we already have. Products and methods known to work include, power-washing, Zep brand calcium, lime, and rust remover, Rust Aid by Goof off, Iron Out, Wet and Forget, and Singerman Laboratories Rust Remover for Concrete. The Singerman Rust Remover works extremely well on concrete gutters and curbs for rust stains and Wet and Forget works great for dirt, grime, and mildew staining.

## **ON-GOING FISHING & TRESPASSING ISSUES**

The HOA has received a growing number of complaints about people fishing in our lakes from our neighbor's back yards. Our lakes have areas from which it is acceptable to fish. Most people fish from the lake access near our roads or parks. However, walking from these areas through a homeowner's back yards without permission is discourteous and can eventually lead to a police action for trespassing.

The lakes are common areas of the community. The lakes are for the enjoyment of all association members. However, this does not provide a license to walk into, or through, the back yards of our fellow homeowners. Common courtesy and respect for the privacy and security of homeowners is expected. Our members should be able to enjoy the common areas, while respecting the homeowner properties that abut to common areas. Mutual respect should be the order of the day. Adherence to this Board communication about fishing is appreciated.

Any homeowner who experiences violations to this communication is encouraged to contact an HOA Board member or call the Sheriff.

If someone is fishing from or walking through your backyard without your permission, you can ask them to leave. If they refuse to leave and/or become confrontational, contact an HOA Board Member or the Sheriff.

## **COMMITTEES CHARTER**

We will be discussing a new charter for all committees to follow at the June meeting. Among other things, the By-Laws require that the HOA President appoints committee chairs and that the Board appoints committees and its members.

## **COMMITTEES**

Your homeowners association has a number of residents who have volunteered to help the Board by serving on committees. These committees are essential for the Board to get input from our membership, and to add our resident's expertise to this community. We want to thank those people who have stepped forward to serve others. We have the present following committees and membership:

### **Lakes Committee:**

Board Chairs – John Mickelson and Gale Schwartz  
Caitlin Fortier – Representing Empress Lake residents  
Jerry Lowe – Representing Zach's Lake residents  
Ryan Weihardt – Representing Bismark Lake residents  
Mark Thieme – IGE Superintendent

### **Infrastructure Committee:**

Board Chairs – Tom Harruff & John Mickelson  
Jim Wilson – Member  
Dan Castaldini - Member  
Mark Thieme – IGE Superintendent

### **Beautification Committee:**

Board Chair – Deb Frost  
Judith Perkins – Member  
Stephanie Hardy – Member  
Georgia McDowell – Member

**Violations Committee:**

Board Chair – Charlie Litow

**New School Construction and Veteran’s Road Expansion Committee:**

Board Chair - Charlie Litow

Board member – Tom Harruff

Jim Beggan - Member

Greg Biada – Member

Dan Castalini – Member

Pam Falcigno – Member

P.J. Marinelli – Member

Gary West – Member

If anyone has an interest in serving on a committee, please contact Sandcastle and let us know what committee you are interested in serving on.

**Other Board Assignments are as follows:**

GIB Board Representative	Tom Harruff
Entrada Gate Chair	Jim Wilson
Architectural Review Board Chair	Gale Schwartz
Comcast Representative	Tom Harruff
Newsletter Production	John Mickelson
Website Maintenance	Charlie Litow & John Mickelson

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KEEP HANDY**

Sheriff’s Office Non-Emergency Number	239-252-9300
Domestic Animal Control	239-252-7387
Humane Society Animal Shelter	239-643-1555
Garbage/Waste Pick Up	239-252-2508
Solid Waste Management	239-252-2508
Code Enforcement	239-252-2440
Comcast	800-934-6489
Naples Daily News Circulation Dept.	239-263-4839
Sandcastle Community Management	239-596-7200