

Ochopee Fire District Update & Informational Meeting Invitation

The Greater Naples Fire District (GNFD) and the Ochopee Fire District (OFD) have been discussing and assembling a District Inter-Local Management Agreement for services the Collier County Commissioners directed them to do last year during a fire consolidation workshop. The idea is to bring all of Ochopee into GNFD under a management agreement on October 1, 2016. The management contract will be for 3 years with renewals each year until such time the two can be merged/annexed into one. A merger has to be done through state legislature and has to be officially voted on by the residents.

GNFD, formally East Naples & Golden Gate Fire Districts, officially merged in 2014. North Naples and Corkscrew Fire Districts also merged at the same time, both under voter approval.

Under the management agreement, GNFD would employ, manage, and supervise all Ochopee employees. The transition for firefighters, however, does include requirements to complete employment application, driving and background check, pass an entry physical, and interview with GNFD Fire Chief Kingman Schuldt. The goal is for everyone to keep their job and the firefighter's union is on board.

Our fire chief, Alan McLaughlin, will be hired by GNFD as Co-Deputy Chief, Logistics. Caleb Morris, Deputy Chief of Operations, will stay on-board in Ochopee and act as Chief.

GNFD is presently managing Isles of Capri Fire District under a similar agreement which began in 2015 and they will be annexed into GNFD upon voter approval coming this

On September 9, at 10:00am, GNFD will have an informational meeting in the Orchid Cove clubhouse, just before the CID board meeting. All are welcome!

November's election. The Florida Legislature has already approved the merger.

Assets of Ochopee Fire District would also be turned over to Greater Naples Fire and maintained under the management agreement.

So what does this mean for us at Port of the Islands? At present, the fire trucks are manned by two firefighters/paramedics.

GNFD will be striving to add a third. We will still have Advanced Life Support (ALS) and excellent response times.

At present, Ochopee residents have been paying 4.0 mill rate. When the new fire station was renovated, the county loaned Ochopee monies to complete the station, which is suppose to be repaid over three years beginning with the next tax bill in November. This will put our millage to 4.5. We are working to get this loan forgiven next month when the GNFD management agreement is presented to the County Commissioners for their approval. The county "subsidizes" our budget each year (even at 4 mills we don't take in enough to support the fire district), so it doesn't make sense to give us money for us to give back.

Ochopee has the highest fire district millage in the county next to Corkscrew at 3.45. The ultimate goal over the 3-year period is to bring the millage down to the GNFD mill rate which is 1.5. We would still be known as Ochopee until this was achieved.

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We will keep you posted as this moves forward.

nowhere, actually isn't.

Don't forget, the speed limit has been reduced from 60 mph to 50 mph during the day. The speed limit will remain at 45 mph during nighttime hours for the panthers. Motorists should expect intermittent daytime lane closures while crews are working. Estimated completion is summer 2016. The contractor is Community Asphalt Corporation.

CID Board Seat Up For Election This November

Port of the Islands Community Improvement District Seat 5 is up for election and will be on the November ballot. There are two people running for the seat. Kathryn A. Kehlmeier and Yolanda DeBartolo.

Everyone at Port of the Islands Realty endorses Kathryn A. Kehlmeier.

She has been involved with the CID for several years and attends most all meetings. Her dedication to the Port and love of the area will surely benefit all owners and residents of Port of the Islands.

One of the CID responsibilities is the common landscaping around the Port. Kehlmeier has been on the CID landscaping committee doing monthly evaluation ride arounds with the landscaper and Severn Trent representative (management company), reporting back to the CID Board at their regular meetings. She is also involved in the formal landscape plan and bidding process.

Kehlmeier also worked on getting a sign announcing the Port along US41. After contacting the County and the State of Florida Department of Transportation only to find it would not be allowed, she did accomplish getting a bigger "Newport Dr." sign made and installed.

Kehlmeier always steps up to the plate to volunteer her time when asked, including keeping track of RSVPs and greeting visitors at the New Water Plant Open House; brought an owner's request for Christmas decorations on Newport Drive to the CID Supervisors for their consideration and worked with both to have the decorations become a reality.

Currently, Kehlmeier is President of her condo association and Treasurer of Sunset Cay Master Association. She holds a Community Association Manager (CAM) license from the State of Florida. Although inactive at this time, she is required to fulfill 20 hours continuing education every two years, of which she exceeded each license period. Formerly she was in the secretarial and bookkeeping fields.

Port of the Islands Realty urges you to vote for Kathryn Kehlmeier. She is dedicated to whatever she takes on, and we feel she is the best candidate for the job—*bar none!*



Road Construction Update

Crews are constructing a multi-use pathway on the south side of the roadway from Six L's Farm Road to CR 92/San Marco Road along US41. We wondered why this pathway was being built seeing it appears to go from nowhere to nowhere, so we reached out to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The pathway actually runs along Collier Blvd where the road was widened. The two pathways will actually be joined at some point, hence what appears to be nowhere to

HOMES & SINGLE FAMILY VILLAS

\$1,100,000	100 Newport Cay	3 Bed / 3	PENDING
\$890,000	121 WILDERNESS CAY	3+Den/ 2	
\$692,000	185 & 187 EVENINGSTAR CAY	3 Bed / 2	seller to build
\$534,900	128 WILDERNESS CAY	2+Den/ 2	SOLD \$525,000
\$499,900	158 EVENINGSTAR CAY	3 Bed / 2	SOLD \$420,000
\$499,000	155 WINDWARD CAY	3 Bed / 2	
\$375,000	286 STELLA MARIS DR. SO.	2+Den/ 2	SOLD \$340,000
\$375,000	318 STELLA MARIS DR. SO.	2+Den/ 2	
\$350,000	321 STELLA MARIS DR. SO.	2+Den/ 2	
\$330,000	253 STELLA MARIS DR. SO.	2 Bed / 2	
\$330,000	274 STELLA MARIS DR. SO.	2+Den / 2	
\$310,000	258 STELLA MARIS DR. SO.	2 Bed / 2	PENDING

SUNRISE CAY

\$225,000	205 SUNRISE CAY #205	3 Bed / 3	SOLD \$225,000
\$220,000	317 SUNRISE CAY #101	2 Bed / 2	PENDING
\$192,000	205 SUNRISE CAY #102	2 Bed / 2	SOLD \$180,000

SUNSET CAY LAKES

\$144,900	314 NEWPORT DR #1606	2 Bed / 2	SOLD \$130,000
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SUNSET CAY VILLAS

\$239,000	278 NEWPORT DR #201	3 Bed / 2	
\$230,000	266 NEWPORT DR #309	3 Bed / 2	SOLD \$195,000
\$229,900	242 NEWPORT DR #510	3 Bed / 2	SOLD \$210,000
\$219,000	170 NEWPORT DR #1106	3 Bed / 2	
\$227,900	278 NEWPORT DR #205	3 Bed / 2	
\$228,900	290 NEWPORT DR #101	3 Bed / 2	SOLD \$215,000
\$227,500	142 NEWPORT DR #1404	3 Bed / 2	SOLD \$210,000
\$227,500	230 NEWPORT DR #601	3 Bed / 2	
\$189,900	230 NEWPORT DR #602	2 Bed / 2	SOLD 178,000
\$190,000	182 NEWPORT DR #1005	2 Bed / 2	
\$180,000	278 NEWPORT DR #203	2 Bed / 2	
\$179,900	278 NEWPORT DR #204	3 Bed / 2	SOLD \$175,000

ORCHID COVE

\$155,000	25084 PEACOCK LN #201	2+Den / 2	
\$157,500	25098 PEACOCK LN #201	2+Den / 2	PENDING

VILLAGES AT STELLA MARIS

\$219,900	370 STELLA MARIS N #2502	2 Bed / 2	REDUCED
\$225,000	385 STELLA MARIS N #2708	3 Bed / 3	
\$125,000	375 STELLA MARIS N #2801	3 Bed / 2	SOLD \$108,000
\$119,900	375 STELLA MARIS N #2805	3 Bed / 2	SOLD \$110,000

LOTS & LAND - BUILD YOUR OWN DREAM HOME!

\$695,000	289 CAYS DR - 5 acres commercial - 280 ft seawall	Make Offer
\$299,000	163 SUNSET CAY - 65x108x197x99 .35acres Tip Lot	
\$275,000	167 SUNSET CAY - 100x117x140x108 .35acre Key Lot	
\$228,900	185 & 187 EVENINGSTAR CAY - 80x100 - seller will build	
\$225,000	153 VENUS CAY - 109x122x146x128 .36 acres	
\$225,000	138 WINDWARD CAY - 117x100x114x100 .28 acres	
\$179,000	151 WINDWARD CAY - 111x115x151x128 .29 acres	
\$170,000	121 NEWPORT DR - 102x148x62x133 .22 acres	
\$150,000	TRACTG CAYS DR - 1.8 acres residential	
\$125,000	150 EVENINGSTAR CAY - 40x95	

BOAT DOCKS

\$32,000	525 NEWPORT DR SLIP #E8
\$27,000	525 NEWPORT DR SLIP #B17

Others available...

CO-BROKES SOLD by Port of the Islands Realty

\$189,900	365 STELLA MARIS N #2105	3 Bed / 3	\$190,000 SOLD
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Irrigation & Water Meters

Summer rains are here so be sure to check your irrigation system timers and rain sensors to be sure all is working properly. No one likes to see irrigation going when it's raining.

Also, check your water meter location to be sure there isn't anything obstructing the meter reader from accessing it. Plants grow fast in the summer. Every meter should be readily accessible and you are responsible to give them safe access as this is a utility easement, associations included.

Hurricane Season Upon Us

We've dodged the bullet for 11 years now. The last hurricane to come through Naples was Hurricane Wilma on October 24, 2005. While the Port did have damage, we were very lucky it mostly included downed trees and limbs, along with lanai and roof damage. So are you ready if one comes our way in 2016?

For the residents that were here during and after the storm, everyone banded together to help their neighbors clean up, including those not here. One item that comes to mind was all the food people left in the refrigerators for the summer. When the electric went out, the food spoiled and many had to replace the fridge. You'll also want to be sure no coconuts are hanging on trees.

For complete preparedness and in-depth information, you can download the Collier County Emergency Management All Hazards Guide at <http://www.colliergov.net/home/showdocument?id=48812>.

Port Phone Directory

The 2016-2017 Port phone directories are available for pick-up at the Port of the Islands Realty real estate office at the entrance to Newport Drive. Stop by and pick one up!

We have Port postcards also...send one to a friend!

Manatee Oxbow Off Limits

Please remember it's illegal to trespass past the canal waters into the new Manatee Oxbow...we certainly don't want to see anyone arrested. The Rookery Bay will be managing it as they are the landowners.

Bits of Info

Port Weather Fox 4 News now features Port of the Islands on the weather map. Be sure to watch!

Community Bulletin Board Go to www.poirealty.com and click on Bulletin Board. If you have news of interest to the community, let us know!

Newsletter Distribution - Sent with your water bill whenever we have news of interest to our Port residents. You can get extra copies of the Port News at the Port of the Islands Realty office located at the entrance to Newport Drive. Or go to our website at www.poirealty.com or www.PortOfTheIslandsRealty.com, click on Community and the link is at the bottom of the page.

Port Fishing Reports - Capt. Jim Ponder reports almost weekly at www.poirealty.com/fishing_reports.htm. Send us your great catch and we'll post it!

Water Billing & Changes Phone Number is 800-535-6832 Option 1.

Port of the Islands Marina Ship Store - Open 7am to 5pm, 7 days a week! They carry a variety of food items including milk, eggs, bacon, bread, coffee, beer, wine, cigarettes and snacks; souvenirs, shirts, hats, light tackle, and live shrimp. 239-642-3133.

Marina Docks - Boat dock rentals and sales at the marina. 239-642-3133

POI CID Board Meetings - Third Friday of each month, 10am at Orchid Cove Clubhouse. All are invited to attend. www.poicid.com

Port of the Islands Everglades Adventure Resort Hotel - 239-394-3005

Angler's Cove Restaurant & Bar - Opens at Noon Tues-Sunday 239-642-1025

Eagle Lakes Golf & Clubhouse (239) 732-0034 www.eaglelakesgolfclub.net.

Pick Up After Your Dog Reminder - No one wants to look at it, smell it, or walk in it. Please pick up after your pet even if you walk where you think no one goes. It's the law! Keep the Port beautiful!

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Ross Dress for Less, Michael's, PetSmart, and Ulta are now open at the corner of US41 and 951. SteinMart and Marshall's were the first to open their doors and it appears the new plaza will be successful!

Construction is underway at Hobby Lobby, located behind Outback. And Restaurant Row is also under construction.