Lely Civic Association Fall 2026 Newsletter



President's Corner: Lisa McGarity

We have recently had one or more unwanted nocturnal visitors in our neighborhood. Black bears have been foraging in our trash cans in the vicinity of Forest Hills Blvd. and St. Andrews Blvd. during the night. One of our homeowners contacted the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and shared some important information. To learn more, please see the article, ***Another Day in Bearadise*** in this newsletter.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! The MSTU advisory committee that oversees the landscape in our medians, entrance monuments, and signage has 2 open seats. The committee must have 3 members in order to do business, so if any one of the current members cannot attend, no business can occur. I personally spent many hours over a 3-year period in order to transfer the sign responsibility to the MSTU, and I would hate to see any more delays due to lack of participation on our part. The committee meets on the third Thursday of every month at 2:00 PM. See the article below for application details.

Update on Fiber Optic installation:

I am disappointed to report that Quantum Fiber, a division of AT&T, will likely not install fiber optic cable in our entire subdivision as they originally told us. When they began their installation, I was told that the company prefers neighborhoods where the entire HOA contracts with them. To the best of my knowledge, the Unit 1 (Doral) and Forest Hills sections will not have fiber optics installed in the near future.

Pride in Your Property:

Many of the homes in our community need some TLC. Roofs, driveways, and exterior walls require maintenance like pressure cleaning and paint. Post lamps in all sections except Unit 1 (Doral) are required to be illuminated from dusk to dawn. Most solar lights **DO NOT** stay illuminated from dusk to dawn and require batteries that must be replaced at least once every year. Walk the perimeter of your home and make sure it is in good condition.

2026-2027 Lely Golf Estates Executive Board of Directors

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

November 17, 2026
December 15, 2026
January19, 2027
Annual Meeting
February 17, 2027

Meeting location is at the
Lely Presbyterian Church
110 St Andrews Blvd
Naples, Fl 34113

Notice of all meeting will be available on our website: Ourlely.com and signs will be posted throughout the neighborhoods.

Friendly Reminder:

This is a friendly reminder that all members are required to pay their annual dues each fiscal year. The amount of $100 is due March 1st of every year. Invoices are sent either through the USPS or via the email address that you provided for our records.

I have already contacted many of you with outstanding balances by phone and will continue reaching out to those with unpaid balances. If you have not yet submitted this year's dues and/or other assessments, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Please pay your Association fees! You can always authorize a secure ACH automatic electronic payment or add it to your smart phone calendar to avoid late charges.

If you have questions regarding your account balance, please contact Anchor Management for assistance.

Nominating Committee: Tille Mihalovich and Laura Mann
It's coming to that time of year again when the Nominating Committee will be looking for Candidates for the 2027 Board of Directors Election.

The Committee is looking for a slate of candidates to represent their respective section on the Board of Directors. Any member of the Association in good standing may run for an open seat in their section. The results of the election will be announced at our 2027 Annual Meeting.

Directors will be needed for the following section due to previously unfilled seats, or the expiration of current director's terms:

- **Forest Hills:** 2 open seats for the 2027–2029 term.
- **Pinehurst Estate:** 2 open seats for the 2027–2029 term.
- **St. Andrews East:** 3 open seats; 2 for the 2027–2029 term and 1 for the 2026–2028 term.
- **St. Andrews West:** 3 open seats; 2 for the 2027–2029 term and 1 for the 2026–2028 term.
- **Unit 1:** 2 open seats for the 2027–2029 term.
- **Unit 2:** 2 open seats for the 2027–2029 term.

Serving on the Board of Directors is a great opportunity to get involved in our community we all call home. We encourage members who are willing to volunteer their time, bring fresh ideas to the table, and make a positive difference in our community to consider joining the Board.

It's an opportunity to be the voice for your neighbors, help address their concerns and questions, and best of all, be part of a dedicated team of volunteers that are working together in the best interest of our community.

If you are interested in running for an open Director's seat in your section, please complete the Candidate form attached in newsletter and submit it to Anchor Associates by mail or email no later than December 31, 2026.

Lely Golf Estates Beautification MSTU
October 2026

Community Update
First and foremost, on behalf of the entire committee, I would like to thank Dimitra Arneson for her four years of service to our community as a committee member. Her involvement, dedication, and ideas have helped the committee create and maintain the beautiful roadway landscaping throughout Lely Golf Estates.

Committee Vacancies
We currently have two open seats on the committee and welcome residents who are interested in getting involved. The committee meets once a month for approximately one hour to address MSTU business. If you are interested in serving, please contact the County Advisory Board. Applications can be submitted through its online application process.

Landscape Maintenance
Landscaping maintenance throughout the community continues, including the replacement of damaged or dead trees and plants, as well as mulching and trimming as needed. Flower beds are being prepared for fall plantings, and irrigation systems are being inspected and adjusted as necessary.

Street Sign Replacement Project
The committee expects to receive an update at this month's meeting regarding the street sign replacement project. After several delays, we are hopeful that work will begin soon.

St. Andrews Boulevard and U.S. 41 Entrance Improvements
All 11 lamp posts and lights at the St. Andrews Boulevard and U.S. 41 entrance/exit have been replaced. The new fixtures are made in the United States, and replacement parts are readily available if needed.
All three flagpoles at the same location have also been serviced, with new pulleys and ropes installed.

Holiday Decorations
The holiday lighting contract has been finalized. As in previous years, the company will install holiday lights and wreaths at the community entrances.

Sign Lighting Repairs
Work is underway on the sign lighting at Forest Hills Blvd and Augusta Blvd, as well as the signs for Pinehurst Estates. The solar panels at these locations were damaged, and we are awaiting replacement parts before the work can be completed.

Lantern Club Wall and Landscaping Plans
The committee has been in communication with the owner of the Lantern Club, formerly Hibiscus Golf Course, regarding a proposed wall at the corner of Rattlesnake Hammock Road and Doral Circle.
The MSTU holds an easement at that corner. The owner has tentatively agreed to modify the wall alignment to a 45-degree turn behind our easement rather than a 90-degree corner.
The committee will review several landscaping plans for the area between the road right-of-way and the proposed wall. The landscaping in this area will remain the MSTU's responsibility.

Thank you for your continued interest and support in keeping Lely Golf Estates beautiful!
Michael Mann-Chair

The Lantern Club

Laura Mann

On September 15, 2026 I held a Town Hall meeting to give our owners, along with other owners from surrounding communities, an opportunity to ask questions and voice their concerns about the proposed changes Mr. Winfield is considering and how it will impact our communities.

There were 84 in attendance and an additional 37 joined via zoom. Overall, the meeting was very informative Between Mr. Winfield, his partner and Ms. Jamie Cook from County they were able to answer many of the resident's questions and clarify misinformation that was been circulating throughout our community.

One important thing to remember that the proposed design is a proposal. As Ms. Cook and Mr. LoCastro have mentioned, nothing has been approved yet. At this time.

There were some great questions, asked during the meeting, with many focused-on flooding concerns. For those who were not able to attend, below is a summary of the information shared regarding storm water management and other topics.

Storm Water/ Flooding: The plans are to take the 1969 storm water system up to the 2026 State and County standards. The proposal includes removing some of the small retention ponds and creating new, deeper retention pond. It also includes expanding and deepening some of the existing ponds to provide additional capacity for storm water runoff.

Additionally, the proposal calls for eliminating the existing open swales and installing approximately 63,000 linear feet of underground storm water piping to carry runoff throughout the overall storm water management system.

Construction Timeline and hours: The owner is currently anticipating construction to begin in April of 2027, with a completion of construction approximately in October 2028. Monday-Friday, hours will be 7am-7pm and Saturday will be from 7am-noon.

Plans for front lots: The smaller lot is designed to be a 100-spot parking lot. The bigger lot is being proposed for at least 6- 4-bedroom cottages that will be used for guests.

Wall Along U.S. 41: The proposed wall will start at the corner of the library and run along 41 towards the Nursing Home. It will be a white stucco 12' tall with planting on both sides.

The next step for Mr. Winfield is he need to hold a Neighborhood Informational Meeting before his proposed plans moves forward to the County's recommendation and review process. The final step would be for the proposal to go before the County Commissioners for a vote.

As I received more information I will make sure to post it on our website.

Another Day in "Bearadise"

Lisa McGarity

A number of homeowners along Forest Hills Blvd. and St. Andrews Blvd. have reported seeing black bears in their yards at night. One homeowner contacted FWC and shared the following information and safety tips:

A fed bear is a dead bear. Bears that obtain human-sourced food can lose their natural fear of people and potentially become a public safety threat that may require trapping and killing. **Relocating the bear is not a permanent solution as another bear will find unsecured attractants.** Secure food sources such as dog and cat food left on the lanai as this attracts bears.

Bear behavior and hazing bears:

Bears generally avoid people and can be scared off by using sudden loud noises.

Property damage:

Fence and screen damage due to bears is common in communities where bears are accessing food sources. If bears are unable to see the food source or use your yard as a shortcut, they may damage your enclosure. Inspect your yard for attractants and expect the bear to return if it was rewarded with food. Motion-activated alarms or motion-activated water sprinklers can also be useful in deterring bears. In some cases, can be used to prevent bears from climbing and damaging enclosures.

BearWise® Bear Resistant Can Programs:

Your waste management provider offers bear resistant cans and/or retrofits kits. Please contact them to find out more.

Pets:

It is possible to live in bear country safely with your dogs and cats without experiencing a negative encounter. Bears are typically not interested in pets as prey. However, most pet-bear encounters occur when pets defend their owners, pets are left unattended in a fenced yard, or pets are free roaming. If pets chase bears, bears will defend themselves and their young.

Looking for a way to increase your business's visibility and reach more customers?

One of the most effective ways to connect with local homeowners is by advertising in our Community Newsletter, where your business will be featured as a valued local resource.

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Includes: Placement in 4 issues per year

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Laura Mann at **lmlelyca@gmail.com**







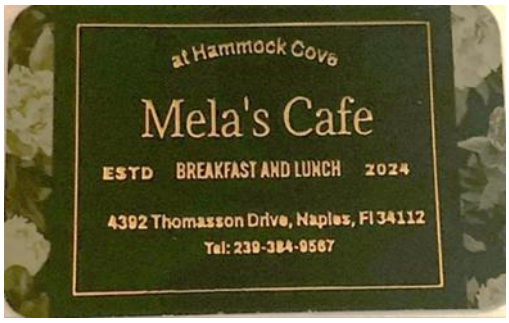








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