
Lely Civic Association Spring 2026 Newsletter



A Message from the President Lisa McGarity

It is truly an honor to serve as your President during a year that will bring our HOA many challenges. First, the Hibiscus golf course was sold and the new owner plans to make major changes, including a very exclusive private membership. Laura Mann is our HOA contact person for the new owner and Commissioner LoCastro. Please read the article that follows for more details.

In other neighborhood news, Collier County has decided the lot they own at 343 St. Andrews Blvd. will not be sold, contradicting our agreement from 2019. Commissioner LoCastro reported that the County wants to keep the property in the middle of our neighborhood in case they want to build a sewage pump station at a later time. A strategic planning meeting will be held in April for interested homeowners. See the article, "Sewage Pump Station Could Be a Threat" in this newsletter. I believe the most effective approach to these issues is a united one.

Sewage Pump Station Could Be a Threat

In 2012, Collier County purchased one residential lot at 343 St. Andrews Blvd on the corner of Hidden Valley Dr. The intended use of the property was to install a sewage lift station with a 2000+ square foot area, similar to the one on the corner of Santa Barbara and Rattlesnake Hammock.

The County officials had no plans for a public hearing or disclosure to homeowners in the area. Members of the Lely Civic Association Board of Directors discovered the plan, and hundreds of homeowners signed a petition presented to the Board of County Commissioners vehemently opposing the lift station.

In 2019 Commissioner Donna Fiala (now retired,) County Manager Leo Ochs (now retired,) and HOA board members drafted an agreement that the county would sell the property. On two occasions sale signs were posted for very brief periods, but the property was never sold.

Recent inquiries to Commissioner Rick LoCastro revealed that the County wishes to keep the property in case they need to build a lift station in the future.

There are 200 homes within 150 yards of the property in question. Sewer gas fumes, pump failure sewage leaks, and heavy equipment trucks will threaten the quality of life for many residents and property values will plummet.

A strategic planning meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, April 19th at 2:00 PM at Lisa McGarity's home, 384 Bay Meadows Dr.** For more information, please contact me at: lisawildrice@gmail.com

2026-2027 Lely Golf Estates Executive Board of Directors

President: Lisa McGarity

VP: Chuck Schnell

Treasurer: Tillie Mihalovich

Secretary: Laura Mann

**Property Manager
(Anchor Associates)**

Belinda Janes

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Upcoming Meeting Dates

April 21, 2026

May 19, 2026

June 16, 2026

July 21, 2026

August 18, 2026

September 15, 2026

October 20, 2026

November 17, 2026

December 15, 2026

January 19, 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.

The 2026 Lely Golf Estates Board of Directors

I would like to thank Tom Smith and Jamie Tennison for serving on our HOA Board of Directors.

In addition, please join me in welcoming Belinda Janes as our new property manager with Anchor Associates. Belinda has actually been working for our subdivision behind the scenes, so she already knows about us.

The following is the 2026- 2027 Lely Civic Assoc. Board of Directors:

Unit 1- Tillie Milhalovich (**Treasurer**), Carolyn Messere,
John Clifford

Unit 2 – Sheldon Gofberg, Carolyn Roth

Pinehurst Estates – Laura Mann (**Secretary**), Chuck Schnell
(**Vice President**)

St. Andrews West – Ellen Clifford, Galina Ivanov

St. Andrews East – Nancy Wojcik

Forest Hills – Lisa McGarity (**President**), Joy Erickson,
Linda Jorgensen

Open Seat

We currently have the following open positions available:

- 1 seat in Unit 2
- 2 seats in St. Andrews East
- 1 seat in St. Andrews West
- 1 seat in Pinehurst Section

If you are interested in representing your section, please contact one of your area representatives or visit Ourlely.com to complete a candidate form. The form can be found under the “Important Notice” tab.

Treasurer Report:

Hello members!

I'm Tillie Mihalovich, your current HOA board treasurer for 2026-2027. I would like to thank John Clifford for his service as 2024-2026 treasurer, a job well done. The 2026-2027 annual budget was reviewed, approved and accepted at the Feb'26 annual meeting with a set budget of \$46,400.

Our operating capital cash on hand per bank statements is \$48,556.26. In addition, we hold CDs totaling \$20,759.08. We also receive income that comes through home sales, leases, fines and interest.

The year-to-date income statement had a deficit of \$2,827.33 but the Feb'26 expenses were lower than expected which improved the Feb'26-month income statement to a deficit of \$521.88. Couple of the large expenses in our budget are insurance increases and legal fees. Our property management company has remained competitive with slight increases over our partnership. There have been occasions where Anchor Mgmt. came in under budget cost. We wish to express our appreciation for this and continued support.

As always, our annual HOA dues are the primary source of our budget income. The 2026 dues payments were officially due on 3/1/26 with a bit of leeway penalty-free to 6/1/26. These payments will greatly benefit our upcoming income statements. Please review your account on Anchors member's Portal for current standing of paid, due or past due. You could also contact your local board member for assistance. Thank you all in advance for a timely payment.

Delinquent accounts as of 3/19/26 total 172, with most being the current March 2026 \$100 dues. There are 42 accounts over 90 days past due for a total of \$5,900.

Areas of improvement would be to limit our postal expenditures by signing up for digital mailings directly to your current email address on file. This is the quickest method to receive the most updated information. We should also be cognizant of redundant legal advice.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments or questions you may have regarding our finances. Happy Spring to all!

Secretary Report:

Over the past two years, the Board has worked hard to ensure all members stay informed about community activities. This can only be achieved if the Association and Anchor have your most up-to-date contact information.

We understand that information can change, whether it's a new email address or a change in residency. It is important that you notify a Board member or Anchor of any updates to your contact details so we can continue to communicate effectively.

Our website is a public forum and a great resource that provides information about our community and surrounding area. It provides information on upcoming meetings, minutes, sale/leasing and ARC forms and other important information.

Over the past few months, it has come to our attention that many members are not familiar with the Homeowner Portal. The Portal is exclusively for Lely Civic owners and serves as a private, secure platform for each homeowner. Through the Portal, you can access your personal account to review any outstanding assessments, make payments, and view additional documents that are not available on the public website.

Please make sure you check out both the website and the resident portal.

Website: Ourleley.com



Homeowner Portal: portal.goenumerate.com



The Lantern Club

Laura Mann

As many of you are aware, the Hibiscus Golf Course was sold on March 4, 2026, to Lantern Club LLC.

As noted in Lisa's President's article, I am currently serving as the HOA's primary point of contact with the new owner, as well as with County officials. I am also working alongside Jim Sahrman, a homeowner whose property borders the course, to ensure that residents' concerns are represented and that any future changes do not negatively impact our community or property values.

I recently met with the new owner to discuss several key concerns raised by residents, including potential view obstructions, flooding and stormwater management, and the protection of our infrastructure to the electrical systems and pump stations during any construction.

During this meeting, we conducted a full site walk of the course with the general manager, Brian, and head of maintenance, Rob. This allowed us to identify and review existing problem areas, including sections prone to flooding, collapsed or clogged stormwater culverts, malfunctioning stormwater gates, and swales that are no longer functioning properly and are restricting proper water flow. We also discussed the preliminary design concepts of the course. At this time, all plans remain in the early design phase and have not been formally submitted or approved.

The new owner, Clay Winfield, was receptive to the concerns shared and expressed a strong desire to be a good neighbor. He also indicated that he was unaware of many of the existing infrastructure and drainage issues. While the initial plan was to begin construction this summer, with the new information presented to him, has made it clear that he and his engineers need to reassess their original design and ensure the property is brought up to current 2026 State and County codes. The new target date to begin construction is in 2027. This timeline will depend on the submission and approval of the plans, permitting, stormwater compliance, and other regulatory requirements. In the meantime, the golf course will remain open to the public.

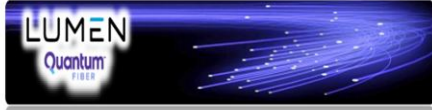
A month ago, homeowners from Unit 1 had reached out to Commissioner LoCastro regarding their concerns about the new course design. In several of his correspondence, he confirmed that there are currently no approved plans. At this time, the new owner, Clay Winfield, remains in the planning stage. While he and his investors may have a vision for the property, those plans may need to be changed if they do not meet County and State regulations or requirements including compliance with land development codes, zoning regulations, environmental protections, and stormwater management codes.

This process requires:

- Submission of detailed site development plans
- Formal technical review
- Environmental review
- Compliance with buffer and landscaping requirements
- Public hearings

Recently, some homeowners whose properties border the golf course received an unsigned letter from the Lely Property Owners Committee. I want to clarify that this letter was not issued by the HOA and appears to have come from an unknown source. As Commissioner LoCastro noted in one of his communications with Unit 1 owners, having multiple parties working independently on the same issue can be counterproductive and may lead to confusion or the spread of inconsistent information.

Jim Sahrman and I are dedicated to continue to represent the community in communication with the new owner and the County on behalf of the Association. Please forward any concerns or questions to me (lmlelyca@gmail.com) so we can forward them to the owner and if need be, the County.



Lumen Quantum Fiber Utility Installation

There have been many questions regarding the installation of junction boxes, conduit, and fiber optic lines within our community.

This project is part of Lumen’s initiative to upgrade aging infrastructure in our area, improving the reliability and efficiency of internet services.

Some owners expressed concerns that these utilities may be infringing on private property. However, all equipment has been installed within designated Public Utility Easements (PUE) and County Rights-of-Way (ROW).

Lumen’s team worked diligently to minimize inconvenience during the installation process. In cases where damage occurred, repairs were addressed promptly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:
Dwayne Williams
Permitting Manager, Public Affairs
Dwayne.Williams@lumen.com

Important updates about Lely Golf Estates Beautification MSTU

New County Project Manager:

We are pleased to welcome Jeff Felger as the new County Project Manager for our community.

Street signs: MSTU will begin replacing and repairing all the street and traffic signs throughout the community. This project will be completed in phases, starting in Unit 1 and continuing throughout all neighborhoods.

Additionally, approval has been granted to replace the two radar signs on St. Andrews with updated units, as well as install two new radar signs on Forest Hills.

MSTU Committee: The MSTU is a five-member committee that oversees and provides recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for landscaping and beautification improvements within our community.

The committee currently includes two members from Pinehurst Estates, one from Forest Hills section, one from Unit 1 leaving one open seat.

This is a great opportunity to get involved and help ensure our community continues to look aesthetically appealing. Applications are open to all community owners. It would be especially beneficial for the final seat to be filled by an owner from either Unit 2, St. Andrews East, or St. Andrews West to ensure broader community representation.

If you are interested in applying for the open seats, go to <https://www.collier.gov/Collier-County/Advisory-Boards-Authorities/Online-Advisory-Board-Application> to fill out an application.

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.

Annual Cost: \$50

Includes: Placement in 4 issues per year

For more information or to reserve your placement, please contact:

Laura Mann at lmlelyca@gmail.com



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