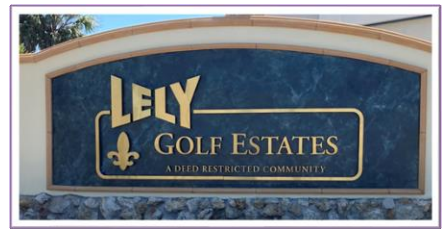


Lely Civic Association Newsletter

Spring 2024



President's Corner

I have been a resident of this HOA for the past 12 years and am delighted to be your new President. I have served on the Board for several years and held several positions: Pinehurst Estates area Representative, Secretary, Treasurer, Architectural Review Chair, and Violation Chair. I now have the honor of being your 2024-2025 HOA President. My main goal for this year is to make sure we all work together, conduct business in a timely manner and improve communications with all our members. I would like to congratulate my fellow Board members who were reelected as well as our two new appointed Board members. I look forward to working with you all.

Treasurer's Report:

Greetings from your 2024 HOA Treasurer! I wanted to provide a quick brief on the state of the HOA's finances. As you know, the HOA's income is almost all from the annual HOA dues (**\$46,600** last year) and this income is what we base our annual budget on. Ads in our newsletter generated another **\$105** in income, and we collected **\$600** in fines. Please ensure that your HOA dues are paid by the deadline of June 1 - why not get that check in the mail or schedule your payment through your bank today?

First, the good... no, GREAT news. The HOA is financially sound. At the beginning of the new fiscal year, we had **\$71,200.22** in our accounts divided into **\$60,503.22** in our operating account and **\$10,695.66** in our capital fund (aggregate left-over funds put aside to cover shortages). This is before the income the HOA will receive from 2024 dues. Your HOA Board has done a good job managing finances. We will see the operating account trend up as HOA member dues are received over the next few months, and then start to trend down as we pay expenses (our professional management agency fees, meeting, and mailing costs, etc.) over the rest of the year.

Next, we want to work on managing our expenses and reducing unnecessary expenses. We spent **\$505** more than had been planned in FY2023, primarily driven by extra annual and special meetings expenses that totaled around **\$8,000**.

2024-2025 Lely Golf Estates Board Officers

President: Laura Mann

Vice President: Chuck Schnell

Secretary: Ellen Clifford

Treasurer: John Clifford

**Property Manager
(Anchor Associates)**

**Maya Ashley Francois
239-649-6357**

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Board Meeting Dates

May 21, 2024

June 18, 2024

July 16, 2024

August 20, 2024

September 17, 2024

October 15, 2024

November 19, 2024

December 17, 2024

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

Meeting notices are on the website, Ourlely.com, a week in advance. Signs are posted at least 48 hours prior to each meeting.

Our HOA is required by law to have an annual meeting, and it took the HOA three tries before we could achieve a quorum (have enough members to legally conduct the necessary business). You, our HOA members, can help us get this to one meeting a year simply by completing and returning your proxy form, whether you plan to attend the annual meeting or not. The two special meetings that were held were about 40% of the total spent on meetings, and additional legal fees were incurred to support these meetings. I believe we can spend at least 10% less in FY2024 than we did in FY2023, but we will need your help. I am also looking into what other area HOAs are doing to minimize HOA member costs and have found some interesting ideas. Reducing HOA member costs while maintaining or even improving services is my focus.

If you have any questions about our budget, what we spend money on, or how much money we spend on a specific issue or category, please feel free to reach out to me.

Secretary's Report:

Every year we miss notifying our members about important events because we don't have your correct contact details and/or we don't have your email on file. Signing the consent form for receiving Lely Golf Estate information via email not only assures that you are always updated but it enables the HOA to save money. An email consent form is attached to this newsletter – please sign up!

Our community website is:

www.OurLely.com

- Contact Information
- Important Notices
- Board Meeting Minutes
- All sections covenants and our By-laws
- Forms
- Information for Realtors/ Buying and Selling
- Newsletters and more

2024 Board of Directors

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Unit 2

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Open Seat
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We still have open seats in the St. Andrews East and Unit 2. If anyone is interested in joining the Board in these sections should contact the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee at tmihalovich@gmail.com

Committees & Chairperson

Architectural Review Committee – Lisa McGarity
Nominating Committee– Tillie Mihalovich
Publicity Committee – Ellen Clifford
Community Relations Committee– Laura Mann

Violations Committee– Anchor Associates

Meet our newest Board members!

Unit 1 Section Area Rep

Carolyn Messere: Carolyn has been a proud Floridian for two decades. She's lived in Collier County for ten years, embracing its warmth and charm. For the past three years, she's called this neighborhood “home” year-round. Committed to community and connection, she's dedicated to enriching our corner of Florida with every opportunity. You can see her out walking every day with her doodle by her side, so feel free to say hi.

Unit 2 Section Area Rep

Thomas Smith: Tom and Betsy moved into our Lely community almost three years ago. Both are retired and were New York residents for most of their lives. They love the weather, relaxing outdoors year-round while also living 15-20 minutes from the beach and downtown restaurants.

WATER BILLS - How to get your water bills under control

As a homeowner, I am sure that you noticed the 9% increase in your County water bill this past February. There was also a 9.5% increase in the sewer fees charged to get rid of & treat wastewater from your home. Here are a few reminders to help lower what you pay the County each month:

1. Repair leaks in pipes & fixtures.

Toilets are the #1 culprit when it comes to daily water loss. The one sure way to find out if your toilet leaks is with the dye test. Put some food dye in the tank and leave for 15 mins. If upon your

WATER HINTS

- 1. Replace your toilet flapper**
- 2. Use WaterSense for faucets**
- 3. Check the water factor when buying new appliances**
- 4. Ration outside watering & water outside of the heat of the day.**

return you see dye color in the bowl, you have a leak at the flapper. Shut off the water to the toilet, remove the old flapper and take it to the hardware store to match the replacement. It's a simple fix but can get messy if the old flapper partially disintegrated.

Make sure the new flapper seats properly, turn on the water and do the dye test again. You might have to replace the entire flush valve, depending on your model. Model & part numbers for your toilet are usually found on the inside of the tank cover. Your toilet should be a high-efficiency WaterSense model that uses only 1.28 gallons per flush.



2. Make sure your faucets & showerheads are labeled as WaterSense.

They use less water but still provide a great spray of water.

3. Choose wisely when replacing your clothes washer.

Your clothes washer is the 2nd largest water user in your home. When you replace your clothes washer, make sure that its Water Factor is at or lower than 3.2. These machines use 25% less energy and 33% less water per load.

4. Decrease outside water usage.

The best time to water is between 10pm and 6am. This allows the water to be absorbed by the lawn and plants effectively. Watering during the sunny parts of the day allows the water to evaporate. Hydrating your lawn in small intervals gives the water an opportunity to seep into the soil. Water for 5 mins, wait 10 mins then water again for 5 mins. Too long of a cycle and the water goes beyond the roots and does not get absorbed. Too much water at one time results in run-off and is a big waste of water. Gardens are a great place for drip or specific place irrigation.

Your controller should be labeled WaterSense and weather based or soil moisture based. These 2 types have sensors that will keep the system from watering when it is not needed. Other controllers require setting changes when the seasons change. No matter what type of controller you have, regular maintenance is very important. Since the system runs at night, you may not see the broken sprinkler head causing a geyser when the system is on. Sprinkler heads may be out of alignment, sending water where you don't want it. If you have a well for your outside water, the same irrigation rules apply. By conserving water, your well will continue to keep your lawn & garden healthy without having to drill deeper.

Maintaining our Homes in Lely Golf Estates

Our beautiful community is a peaceful oasis in a bustling, growing area of Collier County. Lely Golf Estates has been an established area for over 50 years and has been served by generations of owners who value a low-touch homeowners association that focuses on minimal structure to maintain our lovely neighborhood. Our Covenants, Bylaws and Restrictions are in place to preserve, protect and enhance property values of the homes within our deed restricted community – but it doesn't have to be a heavy-duty chore.

Listed below are some key maintenance items that, if undertaken regularly, will help our members owners to stay on top of things:

Exterior of the Home:

- Make sure your home, roof, driveways, walks and outside components are in good condition and free of weeds, dirt, staining and mold.
- A fresh coat of paint can really make your home look new – don't forget the ARC form.
- No unsightly refuse/debris is allowed to be stored on our properties.
- Trash and recycling containers must be stored within the garage or behind a screened-in area on the side of the house. Trash, recycling, yard waste and bulk items should be placed only at the curb after 6pm the night before scheduled pick up and containers removed from curb by 7 pm the day of collection. If any item is refused by Waste Management, it is your responsibility to dispose of that item. It cannot be left at the curb.

Landscaping:

- All landscaping must be kept neatly trimmed and a pleasant appearance maintained. Hedges along the rear and side property line must be no higher than 7 feet tall. Front yard shrubs/hedge are to be kept at a maximum of 4 feet in height.
- Remove any dead or diseased trees and plantings from your landscaping.
- Take care of any infestation on landscaping as soon as possible.
- Irrigation systems must be in good condition and used to maintain a healthy lawn along with any landscaping on the lot.

Mailboxes/Lamp post:

- All Sections, except Unit 1, must have an Association approved Mailbox/Lamp post combination. Unit 1 mailbox and posts must be kept in good condition.
- The mailbox/lamp combination must be in good condition and black in color.
- The lamp must be illuminated with a 60-watt white bulb from dusk to dawn for security and safety.
- Damaged mailboxes/lamps and post must be repaired in a timely fashion.
- House numbers shall be displayed on the house as well as on both sides of the mailbox.

Please remember that failure to keep your home well maintained will result in violations in accordance with our covenants/restrictions and are enforced year-round. Also, any exterior changes must be approved by the ARC prior to any work being done and the forms are downloadable from OurLely.com/Forms.

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Lely Golf Estates E-mail Consent

To easily communicate with all residents of The Association in a timely manner with news and notices about our community, we would like permission from all members to utilize electronic communication via a registered email address.

PROPERTY OWNER (Name on title): _____

Property Address:

Main Address (if different): _____

Phone Number: _____ **Phone Type:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Phone Type:** _____

Contact Email Address: _____

I/We occupy this residence:

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