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## ISLAND WALK

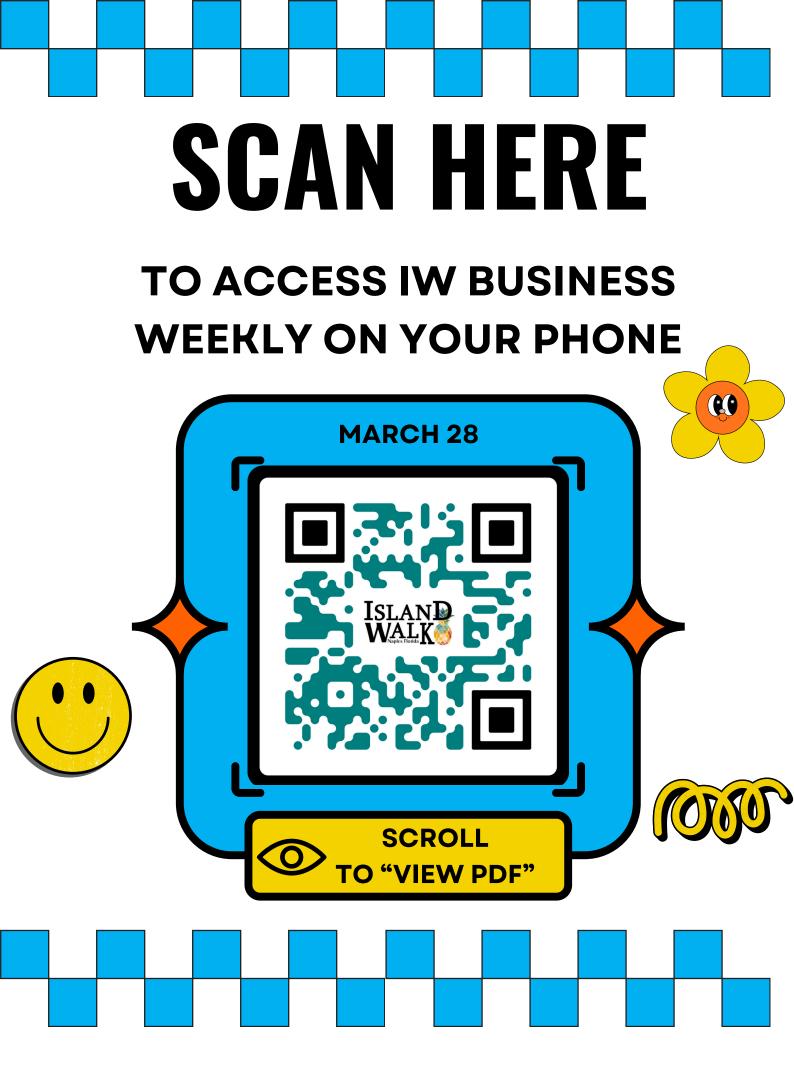
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## **BOARD MEMBERS**

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## **COMMITTEE BOARD LIAISONS**

Amenities - Sue Schmidt, Angie Striebel ACC - Angie Striebel, Bill Chisum **Communications –** Laurie McGrath, Angie Striebel, Sue Schmidt **Compliance -** Luis Cantarero, Anne Golino **Elections -** Anne Golino, Thomas Giles Finance - Thomas Giles Fitness Center - Bill Cikos, Sue Schmidt Hearing - Laurie McGrath, Angie Striebe Infrastructure - Dan McDonald, Thomas Giles Lakes - Luis Cantarero, Bill Cikos Landscape - Anne Golino, Bill Cikos Lifestyle - Angie Striebel, Laurie McGrath **Pools -** Anne Golino Racquet Sports - Angie Striebel, Sue Schmidt **CARO -** Anne Golino, Luis Cantarero **CONCUR –** Bill Chisum, Angie Striebel

# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

HERE ARE THE NEW ELECTED **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 



DANIEL MCDONALD THOMAS GILES





LAURIE MCGRATH



#### **BILL CHISUM**



Name	Electronic	Paper	Total	
Daniel McDonald	513	63	576	<b><u>Elected</u></b>
Laurie McGrath	510	55	565	<b><u>Elected</u></b>
Thomas Giles	466	50	516	<b><u>Elected</u></b>
Billy Chisum	427	58	485	<b><u>Elected</u></b>
Linda King	351	46	397	
David Riepe	342	47	389	

The figure above represents the number of votes submitted electronically, on paper and the grand total. The candidates are listed in order of most votes received to fewest. The top 4 names are those who have been elected to the Board of Directors.



anywhere on the Town Center campus.

## **COMPLIANCE UPDATE**

Friendly Reminders from the Compliance Committee

We wanted to kindly remind you that the white trim around your home might benefit from a fresh coat of paint or a pressure washing, especially if it has been a while since your home was last painted. Keeping the trim wellmaintained helps enhance the overall appearance of the neighborhood.

Approved Paint Color : Delicate White PPG 1001-1





This is a reminder that feeding wildlife is prohibited in Island Walk. Feeding animals can attract nuisance wildlife, which may lead to potential problems for residents. We kindly ask for your cooperation in keeping the community safe and enjoyable for all.

## FITNESS CENTER COMMITTEE UPDATE



The Fitness Center Committee has worked hard to maintain and update our busy IW Fitness Center. We want to remind residents of just a couple of things to keep the Center an amenity of which we can all be proud.

1. The cleaning staff comes into the Fitness Center to clean from 12-1 PM Monday through Friday. Please give them the respect they deserve and allow them to do their job.

2. Respect the equipment. Do not drop weights on the floor or drop/bang weights on the machines. This could damage the equipment which means others will not be able to use it until it is repaired.

3. Do not take equipment out of the Fitness Center. Recently a kettle bell has "disappeared."We would very much like the kettlebell returned... so others can use it.

Also, we used to have 5 plastic book holders that were used by residents who read while using the treadmill. We now have 1!

Please understand that all of the equipment in the Fitness Center is for use by all residents... but please use it only in the Fitness Center.

# **VOUTUBE**JOINUS





#### **Island Walk Plant Maintenance Standards**

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This document intended for:

- Homeowners (who have installed their own plantings)
- Homeowners' Hired Landscapers
- Landscape Vendor

Schedule for Pruning by the Landscape Vendor:

- Pruning is done to maintain health and blooming schedule using mechanized hedge trimmers on traditional hedges and hand pruning of individual plants to maintain their natural shape
- •Plants and trees should be hard cut annually according to species
- Ornamental grasses as needed; cone shaped

SMALL/LOW PRUNING HEIGHT REQIREMENTS: Cut to 12" to 36"

- Entrance walkways
- Driveway border
- Landscape border

MEDIUM PRUNING HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS: Cut to 20" TO 48"

- Screen utility housing, air conditioners and pool equipment
- Planting should not be more than 4-6" above housing/equipment
- Front and side hedges

#### TALL PRUNING HEIGHT REQIREMENTS: Cut to 48" to 72"

- Decorative plantings along privacy walls and pathway walls
- Lanai Privacy: Plantings used as foliage fences around lanai shall not exceed 72"

#### **COMMUNITY-WIDE LANDSCAPING STANDARDS**

Community-Wide Landscaping Standards are necessary to maintain the harmonious beauty of Island Walk, by ensuring a healthy planting environment.

To enhance the value of the community, all Lots must have:

• Healthy, neatly trimmed shrubs, trees, palms, and sod.

#### (See Island Walk Plant Maintenance Standards)

- Well-maintained planting beds that are edged and free of weeds.
- Plantings properly trimmed to prevent overgrowth or overcrowding which deters unsightly and unhealthy conditions.

#### ISLAND WALK HOA RESPONSIBILITIES

- The landscape contractor will provide services in accordance with the Green Industries Best Management Practices. Services include pruning, trimming, mowing, edging, fertilization, weed control, insect and disease control, and irrigation for the entire community.
- Shrubs will be trimmed on an HOA schedule. Plantings, such as bromeliads or agave that require different maintenance, will be the responsibility of the homeowner.
- The arbor contractor provides care and maintenance of trees and palms on all Common Area and residential lots.
- All palms and hardwoods which include oaks, magnolias, hollies, and buttonwoods will be trimmed on an HOA schedule. If a homeowner requests an additional trimming, the HOA will determine whether such trimming is necessary, and if, at the discretion of the Association, it is not, then the homeowner may have the trimming done at their expense.
- Removal of diseased and dying palms will be the responsibility of the Association. HOMEOWNERS' RESPONSIBILITIES
  - Homeowners who do not allow the Island Walk landscaping contractor to perform the necessary landscaping tasks are required to maintain their property to the Community-Wide Standards.
  - Lots that are not maintained according to the Community-Wide Standards will be issued a letter of non-compliance and will be subject to a fine.

#### **COMMUNITY-WIDE LANDSCAPING STANDARDS**

- Examples of non-compliance
- \*Overgrown shrubs, trees, and vines
- \*Crowded planting beds
- \*Diseased, dying, or dead shrubs, palms, or trees
- \*Weeds
- \*Prohibited plantings (see list)
- \*Installation or removal of shrubs, palms, or trees without ACC approval.
- \*Visible unused containers or pots containing dead plants
  - A home being sold must be in compliance with the Community-Wide Standards or a letter of violation for non-compliance will be issued, potentially delaying the sale of the property

#### YARD WASTE PICK-UP

- The landscape contractor will pick-up small amounts of yard waste on one HOA designated day only. The scheduled day will be announced through email and posted on the Island Walk website.
- Yard waste must be placed at the curb in front of home (not in the cul-de-sac) in the evening prior to pick-up day.
- Debris left out on non-designated days is in violation of Island Walk rules.
- Private landscape vendors hired by homeowners may not leave yard waste at curb, but must take the debris with them.
- Collier County will pick-up yard waste on recycling days, but it must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet long, or placed in yard waste paper bags (NO plastic). It may be in a trash can no larger than 32 gallons, and not heavier than 50 pounds filled. Homeowners may place the yard waste at the curb on Tuesday evenings only per Collier County regulations.

#### TO REPORT LANDSCAPING, IRRIGATION, or ARBOR ISSUES

#### **Contact Juniper**

Email: <a href="mailto:islandwalk@juniperlandscaping.com">islandwalk@juniperlandscaping.com</a> or Call: (239) 296-2653

Submit a ticket through the "Juniper Sync" portal

https://www.juniperlandscaping.com/crm/clients/landing

## LANDSCAPE UPDATE

Sod installations will resume in another week. Juniper will be addressing the list of properties that have been patiently waiting..



## FRONT FOUNTAINS UPDATE

Community Announcement The front fountains are now operational! They will remain on continuously for 24 hours. Each fountain is equipped with four white lights, which will automatically turn on at dusk and turn off at dawn. Enjoy the beautiful display!







#### PROJECT MANAGER UPDATE: MARCH 28th COMMUNITY PRESSURE WASHING

#### UPDATE!!!

**Coastal Pressure Wash has** been doing a great job, working steadily and truly dedicated to pressure washing and cleaning our common areas, bridges, sidewalks, cart paths, curbs, valley gutter and more! Costal has started on the streets just West of the community's front guard house and will be working clockwise around the community, ending with areas around the Towncenter, down Island Walk Blvd. and out toward Vanderbilt! **REST ASSURED IF SOME AREAS** AREN'T AS CLEAN AS OTHERS COASTAL PLANS ON DOING A SECOND PASS ON EVERY LOCATION PREVIOUSLY WASHED!! COMPLETED AREAS AS OF:

#### MARCH 28TH

Hatteras Way, Jude Island Way, & Island Walk Lane





\*\*\*Management is aware of the slight inconvenience it will be to all Island Walk Homeowners and with that being said your patience during this time will be greatly appreciated!\*\*\*

#### **TOWNCENTER RENOVATION: PHASE 2 – 3.26**

#### UPDATE: <u>START: May 1<sup>st</sup> Demo</u>

#### BUDGET: \$535,000

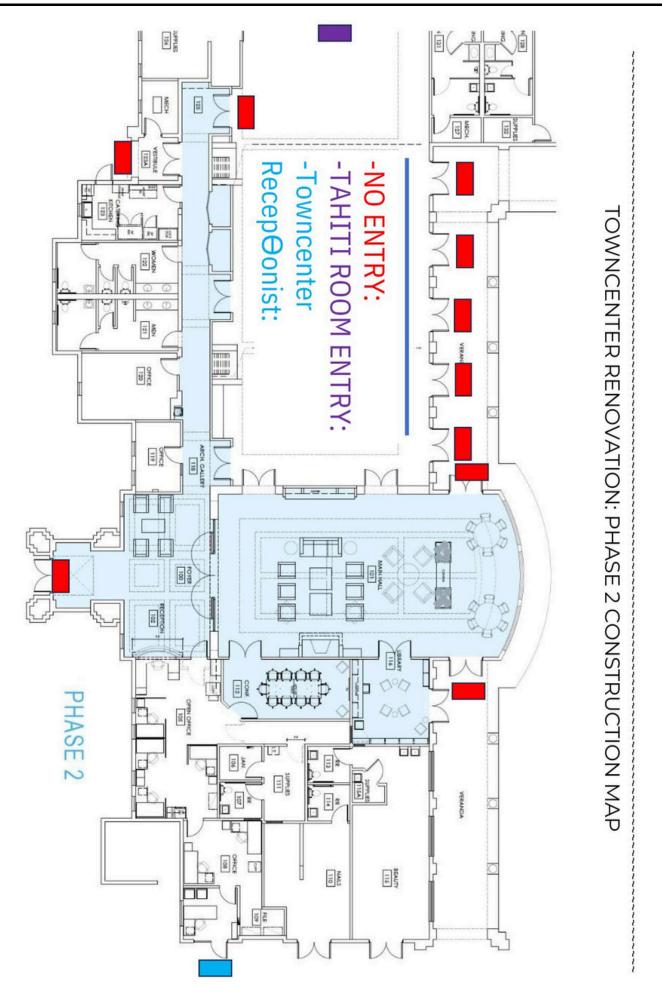


- Currently Construction Schedule are being finalized
- Pre-Construction is to take place mid-April leading up to our May 1 start date.
- Announcements & Progress will be posted within the Business Weekly and on Town Square.
- As of May 1<sup>st,</sup> FOR SAFETY PURPOSES, THE MAIN TOWNCENTER ENTRY POINTS WILL BE BLOCKED OFF AND UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY WILL BE PROHIBITED!!!
- Rearrangements for Town Center operations will allow residents to access Castle staff during construction from a set of double doors located on the East side of the Towncenter & South of the Nail Salon.
- Construction should span roughly 6 Months! \*(Reopening of the Towncenter will

#### be TBD depending on construction progress)

- Lifestyle events in the towncenter building will be shut down until completion notice has been given.
- Barbados & Antigua Room will **NOT** be in use due to the respective Construction taking place within these rooms.
- Tahiti room will be open! Official Board Meetings & Official Committee meetings
   ONLY! Access to this room will only be from the double doors located on the
   West side of the towncenter next to the fitness center and tennis parking lot.

## TOWNCENTER RENOVATION: PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION MAP



## **Island Walk Furniture Sale**



Cushioned Chair: \$40



Varnished Solid Wood Round Card Table (60"): \$70 60"W x 29"H



Cushioned Chair(each): \$60



Cushioned Chair: \$40



Set Cushioned Chairs & Coffee Table(24"W x 47"L x 19"H): \$300 Each Item \$60



Curtain Rod & Black Out Curtains : \$20 96"w x 102"h



2-Decortive Palm Leaf (Each) : \$20 28"w x 67"h



Sofa: \$100



Coffee Table(26"w x 40"l x 21"h): \$60

## Island Walk Furniture Sale





Paintings(Each) : \$40 -35"w x 35"h



Paintings(Each) : \$20 -25"w x 25"h



Painting(Each) : \$50 -45"w x 40"h

## **ACC MEETING TIME & DATES**

## 1st and 3rd, WEDNESDAYS AT 2:30 PM (NEW TIME)

April 2nd & April 16th May 7th & May 21st June 4th & June 18th July 2nd & July 16th August 6th & August 20th September 3rd & September 17th October 1st & October 15th November 5th & November 19th December 3rd & December 17th



#### The Importance of Hard Pruning for Healthier, Longer-

#### **Lasting Plants**

As we transition from "winter" to "spring," the importance of hard pruningalso known as reduction pruning-becomes essential for maintaining vibrant, healthy plants in our Florida landscapes.

One of the most common questions we hear before performing a hard prune is, "Why?" The answer lies in the long-term benefits to the plant's health, structure, and blooming potential.

#### Why Reduction Pruning?

Many of the small flowering shrubs and trees in our landscapes, such as Bougainvillea, Hibiscus, Thryallis, Plumbago, and Ixora, thrive in Florida's tropical climate. However, seasonal changes and fluctuating weather conditions impact their growth patterns.





A well-timed reduction prune enhances their longevity and resilience in several ways:

- Encourages Fresh Growth A spring prune stimulates new stem and flower development, resulting in fuller, more vibrant plants.
- Removes Damaged Material Any lingering pest-damaged flowers or buds are eliminated, preventing further issues.
- Promotes More Blooms Since most shrubs flower from terminal buds, a less frequent but deeper prune leads to an abundance of blooms.
- Strengthens the Root System Pruning helps balance the plant's canopy and root growth, making it more stable.
- Increases Storm Resilience By reducing the size and density of the canopy, flowering shrubs and small trees (like Hibiscus, Bougainvillea, and Jatropha) are less likely to be uprooted by heavy rains and strong winds.

#### **Spring Pruning & Fertilization Schedule**

To maintain the beauty and health of our landscapes, Juniper Landscaping will begin spring **reduction pruning** in March, followed by a fertilization application. This combination will help promote new growth and enhance blooming throughout the summer months.

By following proper pruning and fertilization practices, we ensure our landscapes remain lush, colorful, and resilient all year long.

## Hours Monday- Friday 10am-2pm

Reminders! CASH AND CHECKS ONLY Post office no longer has a credit card machine.

Mail Carriers are still available to help you after 2pm please open your mailbox and call out for help.





#### <u>1. Bayside Park Concert Series FMB</u>

Date: March 30 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Location: Bayside Park 645 Old San Carlos

#### 2. Beach Yoga at Vanderbilt Beach

Date: Sunday, March 30, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Location: Vanderbilt Beach, Naples (near Turtle Club)

#### 3. Bayside Park Concert Series

Date: Mar 30, 2025 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
 Location: Bayside Park on Fort Myers Beach

#### 4. Kids Fishing Event

Date: April 5 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Location: Bass Pro Shops 10040 Gulf Center
 Drive, Fort Myers

#### 5. Naples Big Band Concerts

📅 Date: Sun Apr 6, 2025 2:00pm to 4:00pm 📍 Location: Cambier Park

## **YARD DEBRIS**

#### MONDAY - WEST SIDE

Andros Bermuda Charlton Drummond Eleuthera IW Circle SW Freeport Guadeloupe Hawkesbury Inagua Jarvis Kingston Lasquetii Maupiti Martinique Navassa Ossabaw Town Center Circle

#### TUESDAY

IW Circle NE Zanzibar Bravada Anguilla Cayman Barbados Dominica Ellice Futuna Gilford Hatteras Jude Island

#### EAST SIDE

Island Pond Prescott Queen Elizabeth Redonda St. George Tabago Trinidad Upolo Valentia Whidbey Exuma Yakobi

A small amount of vegetative debris\* may be placed curbside in front of your

property the evening before or by 7 AM on the designated pick up day.

Please be respectful of your neighbors and store debris out of view until the designated day. Debris left out other than on the pick-up day is in violation of Island Walk Rules.

On Wednesdays, Collier County will pick up debris in paper yard waste bags (NO PLASTIC), in personal bins (up to 45 gal.), or tied with twine in bundles no longer than 4 ft.



DO NOT LEAVE YARD DEBRIS ON TURF Please place at the corner of the driveway or on the mulched area of the oak tree ring.

## LAWN DEBRIS DO'S & DON'TS

Don't leave large piles of debris for Juniper. Our contract does not provide for pick-up of large amounts.

Don't allow your private landscaper to leave debris behind after they have trimmed your trees or shrubs.



Do put small amounts of lawn trimmings and fallen fronds at the street in front of your home on Monday or Tuesday, Juniper picks up the West side on Mondays and the East side on Tuesdays.

### **CERT COMMITTEE**



CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) meets the 1st Friday of each month at noon in the Town Center. All are welcome. No experience necessary and training is provided. Contact Jane Spitalny (<u>0712janes@gmail.com</u>) for more information.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

We come together after hurricanes and other disasters impacting IslandWalk.

A FEMA-designed training course is offered free.

Join us if you:

- want to help your community, or
  - have a medical background, or

- have experience in emergency response, or

- have a leadership/teamwork background

Upcoming Monthly Meetings Noon - 1 pm at Town Center

March 7 - Radio use and mock drill April 4 - Mental health in disasters

Questions? Contact Jane at 0712janes@gmail.com

# Island Walk Pop-Up Shop

We have restocked all our fabulous Island Walk Logo merchandise so stop by and pick something up for yourself, a friend or neighbor!

All proceeds benefit Island Walk. Prices from \$3-\$22( tax included). CASH, CHECK, VENMO ONLY

> SALE DAYS - OUTSIDE POST OFFICE Thursday - April 3rd, 12-4pm Thursday - April 10th, 12-4pm Wednesday - April 16th, 12-4pm

#### THERE ARE NO POP UP SHOP SALE DAYS SCHEDULED FOR MAY

If you would like to purchase something but can't make it to a sale day, just email the Communication Committee at NY2FLbaby@gmail.com



## **Fitness Center News!**



ANOTHER FREE 2-hour seminar! Focus: 1. Tricks on balancing 2. "Assisted Stretching" techniques 3. Correcting Form (Neck, Shoulders, Back, Abs and Pelvis)

## Saturday, March 29th 10:00 AM-Noon

This is one of several sessions with John Osgood, certified and insured PT.

All welcome, join us in a safe, friendly environment.

Let's have some fun, learn and enjoy the camaraderie!

Sign up at the Fitness Center or at email below islandwalkfitness1@gmail.com with your name and contact information. Bring water, a towel and dress to work out.

## ISLAND WALK St. Matthew's House Food Drive

FRIDAY, MAY 23 10am–1pm

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