

Greater Naples to Manage Ochopee Fire District

The Collier County Board of Commissioners voted in favor of the Greater Naples Fire District (GNFD) and the Ochopee Fire District (OFD) Inter-Local Management Agreement for fire services at the September 13, 2016 board meeting. The Agreement will commence on November 1, 2016, rather than the October 1st start date to give time to get everything switched over.

Under the management agreement, GNFD will be hiring all Ochopee fire personnel employees. Records and financials have to be transferred and an inventory of all trucks and equipment needs to be done.

The management contract will be for 3 years with the ultimate goal of consolidating/annexing Ochopee into Greater Naples and bring the millage down to the GNFD millage of 1.5. A merger has to be done through state legislature and has to be officially voted on by the residents. The Agreement is similar to the one in Isles of Capri. GNFD was able to move quickly to get them annexed in one year, although we do not expect them to move that quickly with Ochopee.

Savings are expected to begin immediately, as GNFD already has administration, fleet maintenance, insurance, etc. This will

help in the future lower millage endeavor.

Ochopee fire chief, Alan McLaughlin, will be Co-Deputy Chief, Logistics at GNFD. Caleb Morris, Deputy Chief of Operations, will stay on-board in Ochopee and act as District Chief. Linda Swisher, administration and all around everything in the office, will be transferring to GNFD and will continue to take care of all the paperwork required for the state funded I-75 station.

We are still working with the County Commissioners on the fire station renovation loan which has two more years before being paid off. The loan added an extra .5 to the millage bringing it to 4.5 for three years and we would like to see that forgiven. Although it is too late to remove it from the tax bills this year, maybe we can get to 3.5 next year, which would again put us much closer to merging into GNFD at their lower millage.

The county will continue to "subsidize" our budget each year under the management agreement. County staff had suggested they stop giving us funds in increments over the 3 year agreement time frame, but it was not supported by Commissioners.

We will continue to keep you posted as things progress.

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2017 CID Budget Approved

The CID board approved next year's budget and unfortunately there had to be an increase in assessments. Single family homes will see an increase of \$450 this year, condos \$375. Hopefully, and the board agrees, this will be short lived.

The Board has also contracted with a new management company on the administrative side and is also considering new sealed bids on the operation side for the water/sewer plant.

The phone number for water billing and services may be changing. As soon as we know and have the new contact info, we'll let you know. If you have issues getting through to them, contact Port of the Islands Realty and we'll try to help you out during the transition stage.

We'll have more information on all the changes taking place at the plant and the properties at issue on the north side next issue.

Houseboat Rentals at Port of the Islands Marina

The new owners at Port of the Islands Marina have added two accommodation only houseboats rentals to their offerings. Marina living offers a unique and exclusive experience.

The Captain's Cruiser can comfortably accommodate 3-4 people. Its studio design has a queen sized Murphy bed and convertible sofa bed with a separate bathroom.

Gibson's Sunshine Retreat is a larger 41' houseboat and can accommodate up to 6 people with 2 bedrooms, 3 beds, and 2 baths.

Both of the houseboats have fully equipped kitchens and include all linens.

One of the best parts about staying on a houseboat is the fabulous view of the marina and the Everglades from the upper decks.

Guests also get the benefit of the Port of the Islands Resort amenities including the pool, fitness centre, pool tables and TV room. Guests who do not wish to use their well-

Houseboats continued on back

Kathryn A. Kehlmeier Running For CID Board Seat

Port of the Islands Realty is endorsing Kathryn A. Kehlmeier for the Port of the Islands Community Improvement District Seat 5. We urge you to vote for Kathryn on your November ballot. She



has been a volunteer, an asset, to the board and dedicated Port resident over the past years. Kathryn always works towards improvement ideas to make the community great, and most importantly keeps spending and

budgets in mind.

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!*

I am a 20 year resident of Port of the Islands and a many year board member of the CID. I am in full support of Kathryn Kehlmeier for Seat 5 on the Board of Supervisors of the Community Improvement District (CID) up for election on the November ballot.

Ms. Kehlmeier has been an active supporter of the Port for many years. She has been attending CID meetings regularly and also has been instrumental in assisting the CID with landscaping for the common areas around the Port. Additionally she has repeatedly volunteered her time to assist with various projects, including signage issues, Water Plant Open Houses, and Christmas decorations, to name a few. She has been a supporter of decisions benefitting the Port as a whole, (not just Sunset Cay Lakes, of which she is President of her association, and Sunset Cay Master Association, of which she is Treasurer) as opposed to some that only support projects that benefit themselves or a select Community or group.

I am requesting you vote for Kathryn KEHLMIEIER in the upcoming November election. She HAS BEEN AND will be a CONTINUING outstanding contributor to the issues facing our Community.

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HOMES & SINGLE FAMILY VILLAS

\$1,100,000	100 Newport Cay	3 Bed / 3	SOLD \$825,000
\$890,000	121 WILDERNESS CAY	3+Den/ 2	
\$692,000	185 & 187 EVENINGSTAR CAY	3 Bed / 2	seller to build
\$549,000	199 EVENINGSTAR CAY	3 Bed / 2	
\$499,000	155 WINDWARD CAY	3 Bed / 2	SOLD \$499,000
\$375,000	318 STELLA MARIS DR. SO.	2+Den/ 2	
\$350,000	321 STELLA MARIS DR. SO.	2+Den/ 2	PENDING
\$330,000	253 STELLA MARIS DR. SO.	2 Bed / 2	
\$330,000	274 STELLA MARIS DR. SO.	2+Den / 2	
\$320,000	297 STELLA MARIS DR. SO.	2 Bed / 2	
\$310,000	258 STELLA MARIS DR. SO.	2 Bed / 2	PENDING

SUNRISE CAY

\$220,000	317 SUNRISE CAY #101	2 Bed / 2	SOLD \$187,000
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SUNSET CAY LAKES

SUNSET CAY VILLAS

\$239,000	278 NEWPORT DR #201	3 Bed / 2	
\$229,500	206 NEWPORT DR #804	3 Bed / 2	
\$219,000	170 NEWPORT DR #1106	3 Bed / 2	
\$227,900	278 NEWPORT DR #205	3 Bed / 2	
\$227,500	230 NEWPORT DR #601	3 Bed / 2	
\$180,000	182 NEWPORT DR #1005	2 Bed / 2	
\$180,000	278 NEWPORT DR #203	2 Bed / 2	PENDING

ORCHID COVE

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

VILLAGES AT STELLA MARIS

\$219,900	370 STELLA MARIS N #2502	2 Bed / 2	
\$225,000	385 STELLA MARIS N #2708	3 Bed / 3	

LOTS & LAND - BUILD YOUR OWN DREAM HOME!

\$695,000	289 CAYS DR - 5 acres commercial - 280 ft seawall	Make Offer
\$329,000	148 Venus Cay - 52x124x204x110 .39 acres Tip Lot	
\$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...	

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WE NEED LISTINGS! Season is coming, buyers are coming. If you're planning to sell, please give us a call or stop by our office today!

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Around Town...What's New

Physician's Regional has broken ground and is going vertical on it's new walk-in clinic on Thomasson Drive, just behind the CVS at the Rattlesname/US41 intersection. They hope to open early 2017.

Restaurant Row, at the 951/41 intersection will be opening their first restaurant this week, Pollo Tropical, it's third location. Starbucks, Texas Roadhouse, Chipotle Mexican Grill, and Pei Wei Asian Diner are forthcoming. Two spaces have yet to be named.

Sam's Club is still moving forward in the old Albertson's, going through the permitting process, so we should see some movement there soon.

Some good news came about this month on the building that never was at the corner of 951 and Davis. BJ's Wholesale has decided it's time to come to Naples. The eye sore will no longer be.

Hobby Lobby, located behind Outback Steakhouse, is also gearing up to open in October as a target date.

The outlet stores on Collier Boulevard have just been purchased, along with the land just south of it. The new owners have plans to revamp the plaza and build on the land. This will be another improvement the area will be grateful for. Plus more shopping!

Skillet is coming too...just across from Verona Walk on Collier Blvd.

Construction will start at the corner of Davis and US41 as Trio begins the transformation of the entrance to East Naples.

Lots is happening in East Naples!

Houseboats *continued from front*

appointed kitchens, can enjoy the restaurant located in the resort. The Ship Store located at the entrance of the marina is a useful convenience.

Houseboat guests can enjoy the best activities the region has to offer including world class fishing charters, manatee and eco-tours, clay shooting, and boat rentals.

For more information on rates and availability contact Captain Steve Jacobson: Manager@portoftheislandsmarina.com (239) 389-0367.

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. (*Subject to change soon*)

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. 239-389-0367

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

Party at the Port!

Port of the Islands Realty would like to thank everyone in the Ochopee Fire District for all they have done at the Port! Chief Alan McLaughlin and Administrative Asst. Linda Swisher will be moving up to Greater Naples to take on their new positions. We think it's a good time to give them all a huge thanks and would like to invite everyone to stop by the Port fire station between 10am and noon on Monday, October 24th to wish them well. Refreshments will be served.