



# Wiggins Bay Foundation Newsletter

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## REMiNDER



A friendly reminder that your Wiggins Bay Foundation 2026 annual assessment of \$1,915 is due January 1. If you have not yet submitted your payment please do so immediately to avoid additional fees and interest charges. Questions can be directed to Paramont Property Management (239) 734-3200

## Annual Meeting

The Wiggins Bay Foundation Annual meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26 at 10:30am at the Tarpon Cove Yacht & Racquet Club. Collier County, District 2 Commissioner Chris Hall to be our special guest.

The term of one board seat is ending this year. If you are interested in serving please contact any board member to discuss. Currently residents of the Villas, Colony, Towers and Bermuda Cove serve on the board, for balance we'd welcome a representative from another sub association.



If you are not yet converted to the new Summit Broadband system please schedule your appointment as soon as possible. At this point approximately 50% of our households are upgraded. The WBF Board is committed to ensure Summit delivers quality signal and service during peak usage and can't do so until the majority of households are running on the Wi-Fi signal. Instructions on scheduling your appointment can be found on our website, [Wiggins Bay Foundation Community Association](#)

The transition from cable to internet was a significant undertaking and the board extends its gratitude to Bill Knab for leading this effort.

In February, Stephanie Tinney, our Summit Broadband Community Account Manager, will host a town hall informational session at the Club. You will receive a save the date emailing when we confirm the date and time.

## Neighbor Spotlight—Wendy Therault—Making a Real Difference.



Colony resident, Wendy Therault, cares about her community, both in her Rhode Island home and here in Naples. After joining our Wiggins Bay community in 2022, Wendy first volunteered at Café of Life in Bonita. After participating in a Wiggins Bay/Tarpon Cove food packing event last spring, Wendy determined Meals of Hope was a good match for her time and talents and now she volunteers one or two days a week with Meals of Hope's Mobile Food Pantry. Most recently Wendy is the driving force behind a planned "Spread the Love" food drive here in Wiggins Bay. Playing off February's Valentines Day, everyone can spread love by dropping off PLASTIC containers of peanut butter or jelly at the gate house. Look for the container in February.

Learn more about Meals of Hope at [Home - Meals of Hope](#)



## "Spread the Love" Food Drive!

Join us in collecting **PEANUT BUTTER** & **JELLY** to help Meals of Hope feed local families in need.

**PLASTIC JARS ONLY PLEASE**

Drop box will be located at the Wiggins Bay exit gate for the month of February



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## Nature Corner—Trees

Wiggins Bay Homeowners Associations were asked to participate in a survey to better understand how tree care is managed in HOA—governed communities across the state. The survey author, Alyssa Vinson is the Urban Forestry Extension Agent in Hillsborough County. While not a Florida native, Alyssa has lived in Florida for almost 20 years, exploring Florida's wild places. She serves the residents and professional communities of southwest Florida with programs on all things 'Tree'. ...

### Leave that Tree by Alyssa Vinson

*What do we really lose when we lose a tree? A thousand silent voices removed from the universal chorus.*

The tree is not a stand-alone unit, a single entity, a monument of stony bark, the tree is they. A connected symbiosis of lichens, fungi, epiphytes, ferns, mammals, birds, reptiles, and multitudes of insects. A mature, long-lived tree becomes even more. A tiny, bustling microcosm of activity, it is a sentinel to time, a connection to what is, was, and will be. Standing for hundreds of years, representing thousands of generations of insects, thousands of birds roosting, chattering, thousands of small mammals enveloped in safe, leafy branches. Not only the non-human; how many times has someone stopped beneath the lofty branches to dawdle in the shade, to gaze up at the patterned light and contemplate existence, children climbing, their laughter drifting on the passing clouds?



Resurrection fern.

Unfurling leaf of resurrection fern, vibrant in the challenge to mortality, reminding us of the promise of life, the patient arrangement of time and opportunity. Every tree planted is a tangible expression of hope, a time capsule for a future that we will never see. So often, as we traverse the rhythms of human life, we take for granted the grasping branches breathing, cooling, and providing refuge above us. How often do we now walk with our eyes captured by the screen of a tiny computer, ignoring the miracle of evolved genius that towers over and protects us from the harsh glare of the afternoon sun?

Even in the decay of old age, past the primordial curtain of death, trees continue to provide refuge. Cavities are home to screech owls, bats, woodpeckers, whistling ducks, countless insects, and fungi. As the tree gives in to the entropy of decomposition, the nutrients feed the next generation of young trees. In old growth forests, 'nurse logs' provide the necessary fertility for mosses, lichens, young trees, and understory plants.

As we have developed the natural world, surrounding ourselves with straight lines and right angles, we have often shunted the decaying richness of nature to the local landfill. If you have the space and inclination, rather than remove a tree entirely, consider leaving a snag in its place. Pruned for safety and monitored, dead trees can be attractive refuges in our home landscapes. As unlikely as it seems, our landscapes interact with the landscapes nearby, forming a mosaic of potential diversity. Draped over and intertwined between our right-angled structures and hard surfaces, lies a remnant of the ecosystem that was. Leaving snags in place, when safe and appropriate, can reap fruitful rewards for diversity in our urban forests.



Polypody fern in cavity.