



# Southport on the Bay

## What's in a Name?

The 2005 hurricane season literally poured its way into Southwest Florida June 1st amidst day-long thunderstorms that brought more than eight inches of rain to the area. And although weather patterns as a whole have differed from 2004, one question weighs heavy on the minds of many year-round residents, "Will this years' hurricane season be a repeat of last?"

Unfortunately hurricane forecasters are predicting another above-normal season on the heels of last year's destructive and historic hurricane season. "The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-

tion's (NOAA) prediction for the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season is for 12 to 15 tropical storms, with 7 to 9 becoming hurricanes; 3 to 5 could become major hurricanes. The 2005 list of names begins with Arlene and ends with Wilma. In between there's Bret, Cindy, Franklin, Gert, Jose, Katrina, Ophelia and Philippe to name just a few; any one of them could pack a serious punch.

"Last year's hurricane season provided a reminder that planning and preparation for a hurricane do make a difference. Residents in hurricane vulnerable areas who had a plan,

and took individual responsibility for acting on those plans, fared far better than those who did not," said Max Mayfield, director of the NOAA National Hurricane Center. With that in mind, here are a few simple yet very important tips to help you be prepared for the 2005 hurricane season.

**Know the difference between a hurricane WATCH and WARNING.**

**Watch:** Hurricane conditions are possible in the area of the Watch, usually within 36 hours.

**Warning:** Hurricane conditions are expected in the area of the Warning, usually within 24 hours.

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**Prepare a personal**

## Bylaws & Covenants — Rules for Everyone

Most people remember one thing about real estate closings; the mountain of paperwork to be signed and witnessed — especially if there's a mortgage on the property. Among the various documents are affidavits or declarations attesting to certain facts. When

purchasing property in Southport for example, one such declaration states that you have received, have read and agree to abide by the Southport on the Bay Property Owners Association Bylaws, Declarations of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions;

Restated and approved by the community on September 10, 1999. The document is no lightweight—11 pages of Bylaws and 27 pages of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

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### MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS

Collier Utilities Customers and people using wells or lakes in unincorporated areas of Collier County (This includes Southport on the Bay)

#### ODD-NUMBERED ADDRESSES

Sprinkler system use is permitted Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 12:01 AM and 8AM. No watering on Fridays.

#### EVEN-NUMBERED ADDRESSES

Sprinkler system use is permitted Tuesday, Thursday and Sundays between 12:01 AM and 8AM. No watering on Fridays.

## The Price of a Perfect Lawn

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The various ponds located throughout the Southport community serve both an aesthetic and environmental purpose. Not only do they offer a form of scenic waterfront living to a number of residents the ponds also provide a much needed reservoir or basin for storm water, especially during the summer months. Recently, existing conditions and the future of the ponds have become an issue of growing concern, one that the Board of Directors is currently addressing.

Residents who attended the May 2005 Board of Director's meeting heard from a Collier County representative about the role that the ponds play in the community's ecosystem, and more specifically the handling of

storm waters. In other words, "When it rains, it pours ..." right into the ponds. That also means the majority of the excess fertilizers, pesticides, road grease and oil, et al, from every lot in Southport eventually end up in the ponds. Even worse, it has been reported that contractors have poured paint down the storm drains. Where does it go? Into the ponds.

Residents can help keep the ponds healthy by using a minimum of fertilizers and pesticides. When your yard needs to be fertilized, request a basic, slow-release, water-insoluble nitrogen and other essential nutrients. At least 30% of the nitrogen in the fertilizer should be listed as water insoluble. Water-insoluble nitrogen

fertilizers are slightly more expensive but fewer applications are necessary. This mixture is the most environmentally safe and cost-effective alternative.

When choosing a fertilizer, experts recommend that the nitrogen and potassium amounts be the same. And because Florida soils are phosphorus-rich, you do not need to spend money on the phosphorus-rich fertilizers. Talk with your landscaper or lawn maintenance company to make sure you're getting the best fertilizer for your yard, and at the best price.

Save money and help save the Southport ponds ... it's a winning combination!

## Social Committee Makes Plans for 2005-2006 Season

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The Southport Social Committee, chaired by Cathy Ross, has been hard at work putting together a assortment of activities and events for the coming season. Here's a sampling ...

### **Holiday Party**

Plans for the Annual Southport Holiday Party at the Barefoot Boat Club are underway. Those who have attended the potluck/BYO style party in the past know how much fun this event can be. Exact date to come.

### **Garage Sale for Charity**

A combined Southport/Beach Gar-

dens/Bayfront community garage sale is in the works for April 2006 with proceeds going to the Friends of Barefoot Beach Preserve or other deserving organization.

### **Barefoot Babes'**

We've received a number of requests from Ladies in the community to organize the Barefoot Beach Babes' Coffees again for the 2006 season. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and discover shared interests. If you're interested in hosting a coffee please let us know!

### **R.O.M.E.O.s**

The Retired Older Men Eating Out would like to get together with the BB Babes for a walk or bike ride to Haney's or Doc's for breakfast. Let us know if you'd like to join the group!

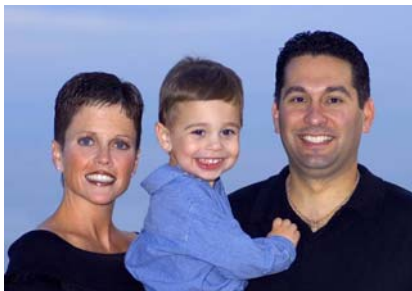
### **Get Involved**

To be successful, each of these activities needs both participants and volunteers to help organize and set-up the event. If you're interested in participating or helping with any of these events please contact Cathy Ross at [nfn15898@naples.net](mailto:nfn15898@naples.net). Thanks!

## Welcome to Southport

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Southport is pleased to welcome Ed, Kristen and Connor O'Neill to the community. The O'Neill's reside at 191 Topanga. Ed is a Chiropractic Physician and proprietor of Bonita Chiropractic Center. Originally from Philadelphia, Ed has been a resident of Southwest Florida for more than 25 years. Kristen hails from Massachusetts and has been in Southwest



Kristen, Connor and Ed O'Neill

Florida for more than 15 years. Son Connor is three years old.

In addition to the O'Neill family, Southport welcomes the McCaffrey family to 84 Southport Cove, Renzo and Silvia Renzi to 73 Southport Cove, the Phillips family to 195 San Mateo Drive and Mr. and Mrs. Terence Conroy to 58 Southport Cove.

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### **evacuation plan.**

Identify ahead of time where you could go if you are told to evacuate. Keep the telephone numbers of places to go handy and road maps of how to get there. Listen to the weather radio or TV stations for evacuation instructions, and if advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

### **Assemble a disaster supply kit.**

Be sure to include the following:

A first aid kit and essential prescription medications, canned food and a can opener, at least three gallons of water per person, protective clothing, rainwear, bedding or sleeping bags, battery-powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries, special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members, written instructions for how to turn off gas and water if authorities advise you to do so, important papers including your homeowners insurance

policy.

### **Know what to do when a Hurricane WATCH is issued.**

Listen to the Weather Radio or TV for up-to-date storm information, bring lawn furniture, outdoor decorations or ornaments, trash cans, hanging plants and anything else that can be picked up by the wind indoors, prepare to cover ALL windows of your home, fill your car's gas tank, check batteries and assemble your disaster supply kit.

### **Know what to do when a Hurricane WARNING is issued.**

Listen to the advice of local officials, and leave if they tell you to do so. Complete all preparation activities. If you are not advised to evacuate, stay indoors, away from windows. Be aware, when it becomes calm again outdoors the storm is not over! The worst part of the storm will happen

once the eye passes over and the winds blow from the opposite direction, Trees, shrubs, buildings and other objects damaged by the first winds can be broken or destroyed by the secondary winds that blow from the opposite direction. Be alert, tornadoes can happen during and after a hurricane passes over. Remain indoors in the center of your home, in a closet or bathroom without windows. Stay away from flooded roads.

### **Know what to do after a Hurricane is over.**

Keep listening to the Weather Radio or TV stations for instructions. If you evacuated, return home when local officials tell you it is safe to do so.

Without a doubt, the summer of 2005 has gotten off to a very soggy start. Here's hoping that a little bit of rain is all we have to deal with throughout the coming months.

## Rules for Everyone (Continued from Page 1)

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affairs of a corporation, in this case the Southport on the Bay Property Owner's Association Inc., a non-profit Florida corporation. The purpose of the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions can be found on Page 1. It states, "All the properties subjected to this Declaration shall be held, sold, and conveyed subject to the following easements, restrictions, covenants, and conditions which are for the purpose of protecting the value and desirability of, and which shall run with, the real property subjected to this Declaration and which shall be bind-

ing on all parties having any right, title or interest in the described Properties or any part thereof, their heirs, successors, successors-in-title, and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of each owner thereof." In other words every Southport owner is bound by the Bylaws, Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. No exceptions. Eleven separate Articles cover everything from Property Rights to Assessments, ARB and Land Use Restrictions to Landscaping Requirements. For example, did you know that Article VII, Section 10, Sub-section t cov-

ers leases? It includes everything from the length of the lease to the number of leases allowed per year to the notices required by the board.

If you need a copy of the Bylaws and Covenants contact R&P Management at (239) 643-3353. If you haven't had a chance to peruse your copy of the Southport on the Bay Bylaws and Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions yet why not take a few minutes to do so now. After all, somewhere among your real estate closing papers there's a signed declaration that says you already have!

## Message from the President ... Ed Brust

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Whoever coined the phrase "the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" must have been from Southwest Florida! With the heat and humidity on the rise and the start of the rainy season, everything seems to slow down just a bit. Definitely a welcome change. Activities with your Board of Directors slows down as well this time of year

with many of the members returning north for the summer. The first half of 2005 has been quite productive and we look forward to continuing our work this fall.

Although somewhat new to Southport, my wife Anita and I are not new to Barefoot Beach as we vacationed here frequently. My retirement from

DaimlerChrysler provided us the opportunity to move to the area permanently and we are pleased to call Southport home.

During the course of our Board Meetings I've had the opportunity to meet many Southport residents. I look forward to meeting more of you in the months to come.

## They're Back!

Have you noticed? Barefoot Beach Security is back on patrol in Southport. Settlement of the lawsuit between Southport and the Barefoot Beach Master Association earlier this year paved the way for the return of the security patrol. The security staff currently patrols the community a minimum of eight times each day.

When asked what they look for one staff member said, "Anything out of the ordinary." This includes cars parked on the premises without current resident or visitor stickers, broken sprinkler heads, or violations of the community's Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. Guards are authorized to write up violations ob-

served during their daily tours.

In addition, the presence of the Collier County Sheriff's department has provided a visible message to would-be speeders on Barefoot Beach Blvd. Since parking the vehicle behind the guardhouse began the Sheriff's department has seen a reduction in speeding violations.

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### Fall Escape to the Mountains

Where: Sapphire Valley; Cashiers, NC  
What: Rent a 2-bedroom deluxe townhouse unit located on the golf course.

When: September 30-October 7

How Much: \$650 for the week.

The unit includes a whirlpool bath and king bed in the master bedroom, a wood-burning fireplace in the living room, full kitchen, dining room, guest bedroom with separate bath and two

decks. Enjoy golf, tennis, horseback riding, fishing or boat rentals on Fairfield Lake, health club and recreation center with outdoor pools, Jacuzzi and sauna, and on-site restaurants. Area attractions include the Biltmore House and Great Smoky Mountain Railway. Call George or Laura Joeckel (239) 370-9139 for more info.



## Keeping Info Current

Does R & P Management have your most current contact information? If you're not sure contact Bill Zwicker at [bill@barefootonthebeach.com](mailto:bill@barefootonthebeach.com). Be sure to include your name, address, phone number and email address and he will confirm the information on file. Requests that do not contain all of the above information will not be honored for privacy reasons.

### Beach & Tennis Club Rental

A five-star, non-smoking studio condo near the entrance of Barefoot Beach is available for vacation rental — 3 night minimum required. Southport residents get special rates (and special care) for visitors needing nearby accommodations. Contact Bill Zwicker at (239) 287-2603 or visit the website at [www.barefootonthebeach.com](http://www.barefootonthebeach.com).

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