



“MOUTH” OF THE RIVER

2190 Clipper Way, Naples, FL 34104

President's Message

It's a new CRECA fiscal year and we hope this year finds us in better shape than last. I want to welcome back our last year's members and extend a warm welcome to our newest members. We got off to a great start this year after overcoming a dramatic hurdle last year, in which we had a very positive outcome. All amenities on CRECA property are now considered legal by Collier County standards, and we hope that there are no other major obstacles to prevent us from continuing to operate as we have always done. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your President for one more term. I will continue to look out for the welfare of the Association and strive to improve on all that CRECA has to offer. My side-kick, Robert McDaniel, is getting a well deserved break from serving on the board in numerous positions for the past 7-8 years. He will continue to be a major contributing factor to the community and deserves great thanks and praise for his hard work and dedication to our organization. Taking his place is Steve Jones who will be our new Property Manager. This is one of the most intensive positions we have. He has already taken the bull by the horns and has coordinated and led a posse of CRECA residents in repainting the Pavilion, to include the floor, and the bath house. We will be posting the names of all the members who provide their efforts on our projects in a separate location of our website.

Our Mardi Gras Crawfish Boil was a success. The final tally isn't in, but we anticipate a positive cash flow for that event. Karen McDaniel is currently the Secretary and has volunteered to continue in that capacity until she can be relieved. She, along with her husband, has been a major part of the backbone that makes up CRECA and its board throughout the years. If anyone is interested in taking over the duties of secretary, please contact Karen McDaniel. The same applies to Maryellen Sickler. She has done an outstanding job in managing our finances and keeping us above water. Her position is also up to

be filled.

I'm sure both Maryellen and Karen will spend the time to transition anyone into those positions so as not to overwhelm anyone. I know that a lot of our residents feel they are too busy in their everyday lives to be able to do a good job on CRECA's board. The reality is, that while it does take some effort, the rewards of getting to play a part in your community far outweighs what small amount of time is spent on doing CRECA business. Most business can be conducted by phone or e-mail.

Speaking of e-mail, a special thanks to Jimmy Jones in his efforts to keep our website current and interesting. We are always open for suggestions so don't be afraid to send Jimmy a note with your ideas.

Lastly, our vote to change our by-laws to include other residents in the neighborhood (Southside Outrigger, Natures Point) will be tallied on April 15th as required by our by-laws. We will inform you of the outcome at that time. The property has never looked better, so let's all pledge to keep it that way. Again, thanks for the opportunity to serve CRECA for another two years. I look forward to seeing all of you "down at the end of the street".

— John Shepard

2008 CRECA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	John Shepard	430-6236
Properties:	Steve Jones	643-7551
Secretary:	Karen McDaniel	643-2199
Treasurer:	Maryellen Sickler	261-3963
Membership:	Andy Reed	682-9307
Activities:	Sara Harris	434-0517
Webmaster:	Jimmy Jones	jimmy@dogonit1.us
Pavilion:	Heather Dehnz	263-9188
Boat Trailers:	Mac Jones	784-7846

www.coconutriversnaples.org

CRECA Amenities

The Coconut River Estates Civic Association has numerous amenities available for all members to enjoy, as well as many monthly activities and events throughout the year.

- Boat Launch
- Kayak/Canoe Storage
- Heated Pool
- Tennis Courts
- Play Ground
- Shuffleboard Court
- Covered Pavilion
Fully equipped with tables and chairs
- Restrooms

The pavilion may be reserved for your next party or special event. Please contact Heather Dehnz at 263-9188 to check availability and make reservations.



CRECA Book Club

The Coconut River Book Club is now in its 15th year. Yes, we have been around since 1993 reading a mix of the latest controversial bestsellers, Florida regional books and revered classics.

Neighborhood members Lisa Morton, Debbie Martin, Linda Borneman and Gay Chaussinand have been joined by four women outside Coconut River, to form a group of 8 diehard readers who meet monthly for discussions.

2008 started off with *The Alchemist*, Paulo Coelho's international classic about the travels of a young shepherd boy in North Africa and the wisdom he obtains on his quest. In February, we read *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. This remarkable memoir of a vibrant, yet dysfunctional family, left us marveling at the intelligence and resilience of Walls children. Our choice for March is the epic novel *Away*, by Yale literature professor Amy Bloom. The story of heroine Lillian Leyb's journey from Russia, across America, to the outposts of Alaska in the 1920's will prove a riveting discussion.

Would you like to join us? Contact Gay at 643-3036 for more information.

CRECA Annual Activities

Our community is proud to say that CRECA and its members have been written up in the *Family Fun Magazine*! It has been an honor to be chosen as a community that does as many family events as we do. Wouldn't it be great to be part of all this? We look forward to our annual traditions and any new ideas families may want to suggest. Give us a call today!!

February	Annual Mardi Gras Party (Adult Event)
March	Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Games
May/June	End of School Year Party (Children's Event)
July 4th	Fireworks & Potluck Dinner (Event for all)
August/ September	Back To School Party (Children's Event)
November	Family Fall Festival
December	Annual Christmas Boat-Along (Singing Carols from boats and then getting together at the pavilion for chili cook off) Great Family Event
December	Christmas Party at Spanky's Restaurant
TBA	Children's Scavenger Hunt

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, May 14th
7:00 p.m.
Pavilion

Presentation on the
Gordon River Greenway Project
and how it benefits our neighborhood.

Thank You Renewing & New Members!

For those of you that haven't heard, FULL membership rights have been restored to CRECA and we welcome the return of boat trailer storage rights. For those of you that have yet to renew and need the 2008 key, please contact me at: andyreed73@hotmail.com or: 239.682.9307 and I'll be happy to stop by your house when it's convenient to make the exchange.

For potential or relapsed members, it's time to join the fun! For the low annual fee of \$240, you too can enjoy our renovated amenities such as the private community area, heated pool, tiki bar, screened pavillion, boat ramp & trailer storage, campfire ring, nature trail & more. Not to mention the many neighborhood activities that take place regularly. Contact Andy to learn more!

Do you want to continue to receive important up-to-date neighborhood information?

Please send your e-mail address to Andy Reed at andyreed73@hotmail.com or complete this form and mail to Andy at 2617 Outrigger Lane, Naples, FL 34104.

CRECA Membership Application and Profile

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Occupants in home:

Name: _____ Age: _____

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We are: Homeowners Renters

Are you seasonal residents? Yes No

If yes: What months are you in Naples? _____

What is your seasonal address? _____

Employer/Profession: _____

Hobbies & Interests: _____

Children's Hobbies & Interests: _____

Volunteer Affiliations: _____

Awards & Accomplishments: _____

Additional Information: _____

I am interested in (check all that apply): Neighborhood Events Helping with a newsletter Social Outings
 Volunteer Service/Maintenance Children's Activities Pet Activities

Initiation Fee (\$50) Paid
Annual Dues (\$240) Paid

Return to: Coconut River Estates Civic Assn.
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Monthly Ongoing Events



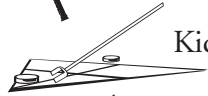
Card Party & Pot Luck 5:30 pm March 20 John Thompson 643-1186

Book Club 7:00 pm March 27 Gay Chuassinand 643-3036



Adult Tennis 8:30 am Tues., Wed., Fri. Bill Katterfield..... 643-6678

Shuffle Board 9:30 am Thursdays Bill Katterfield..... 643-6678



Kids Tennis Lessons 5:00 - 6:00 pm Wednesdays Heather Dehnz..... 263-9188

Anyone want to organize a “mothers morning out/playgroup” at the pool? Call Sara Harris at 434-0517



Notice Boat Trailer Owners

Contact Mac Jones to register your trailers.
784-7846
V12MAC@yahoo.com

You will need to provide him with a copy of your current trailer registration. All trailers must be servicable and have an attached current tag. Your name, address, and phone number must be clearly marked on the trailer.

If you have any type of lock, CRECA will need a copy of the key. CRECA reserves the right to move member’s trailers within the property to perform any needed CRECA maintenance.

Only empty boat trailers that belong to existing CRECA members and registered in the member’s name may be stored on the back lot.

Also, there are limited spaces available on the canoe rack. Please contact Mac Jones for information on canoe storage.

Updated information regarding trailers can be found on our website:

http://coconutrivernaples.org/Boat_Trailer_Parking_Reg.html.

Property Manager's Report

To all CRECA members,

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped with the paint work on the buildings this last week.

A special thanks to Bill Katterfield (the one who worked everyday). Kudos to Drew Dehnz, Spencer Dehnz, John Shepard, Jim Gordon, Don Wilson, Ed Follmer, Lee Lemasters, Karen McDaniel, and last but not least Peggy Jones for the numerous trips to Home Depot, lunch, etc. and keeping us all supplied on Saturday.

The pavilion building was painted inside and out including the floor. The floor was done with a 2-part epoxy floor paint and signs will be posted to prohibit skate boarding, roller blading, etc. inside the building.

The bathroom building was painted in the same new blue color.

We have had many compliments about how nice they look and would like for all of the members to stop by and check it out.

John Shepard and I have been shopping for some new tables/chairs for outside, if anyone knows of a good deal somewhere let me know.

We are in the process of making a work plan for future projects and hope we can get some of you more involved.

We welcome your ideas. See ya at the pool!



– Steve Jones
VP/Property Chair
Skyking5253@Comcast.net