



Oakes Estates Neighborhood Association

2021 Annual Update

2020 is behind us and for most of the people I talk to, there is a burning desire for good news to define 2021. We usually invite the property owners and residents of the Oakes neighborhood to join us for an annual meeting on the first Tuesday in March, but this year due to CDC guidelines, we chose to use this communication as our annual update and enrollment message.

As we begin 2021, Oakes Association has several accomplishments and challenges that will define your Oakes Neighborhood and we want to encourage more of you to engage and participate in shaping your future.

In 2001 a group of Oakes property owners recognized that leaving the future of our neighborhood to the whim of the county commissioners and fate would not deliver the best results, so this volunteer organization was formed. Several current board members have served the association in critical ways for over a decade.

Some of the accomplishments of the association are:

- Removed the plan to four-lane Oakes Boulevard from the County Development Plan
- Reduced the speed limit on Oakes from 45 mph to 35 mph.
- Removed the plans to connect the lanes to Logan Boulevard.
- Petitioned for and were granted the neighborhood park at the west end of Spanish Oaks.
- Shaped the development options available to the lots along Immokalee Road that back up to Autumn Oaks Lane – North Naples Fire and Southbrook PUD parcels are examples.
- Shaped the requirements for the yet to be constructed Standing Oaks PUD west of the north south canal that runs along the west side of the neighborhood.
- Held the non-residential PUD's inside the neighborhood to the conditions set forth in their approval for variance.
- Become recognized as a positive and reasonable advocate for our community.

In the future we can see the need:

- To continue to monitor and influence the land use inside our neighborhood boundaries.
- Lobby for traffic solutions inside the neighborhood that improve safety for the property owners and their guests.
- Hold the non-residential properties accountable for the limitations they agreed to in exchange for the zoning variances they were granted.
- Improve communication between the association and the property owners and county.
- Develop more neighborhood participation.



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Currently we only have about 15% of the property owners contributing financially to the association. This must change if the association is to continue its work. We intend to keep the donation voluntary and ask for at least \$50 from each property owner. This will allow us to cover the cost of

- Updating and maintaining an informative web site
- Maintain insurance to protect those that volunteer to serve our neighborhood.
- Obtain professional legal and business advice when needed.
- Communicate with the property owners more frequently.
- Recruit more Oakes Estates Neighbors to serve on the board.

It should be noted that 15% participation was NOT ENOUGH to sway the Collier County Commissioners from voting against Naples Senior Center. So now we have a 30,000 square foot Senior Center Facility being built to bring up to 1400 additional cars into our neighborhood daily. Many of the current board members have been actively serving the neighborhood faithfully for 10 years or more. As I mentioned above. Some members have been serving since day one! Many thanks to those dedicated neighbors for their service.

Our goal is to have at least 90% of the property owners contribute the minimum of \$50 annually and to identify 11 people willing to serve a 3-year term on the board with a term beginning in the next 3 years. These should be very reasonable goals.

If you are interested in learning more about an officer and/or directorship in the association in the future, please note that at the bottom of the membership form when you return it.

We cannot over emphasize the critical nature of your response to this call to action. If you would like to protect your Oakes Estates Neighborhood and your property values, please complete the member form below and return it with your contribution of at least \$50.



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Please visit our **New Website!** at **www.oakesneighborhood.com** where you will find current news and ways to support your neighborhood association. Our New website was accomplished for the following:

1. Improve communication to the residents of Oakes Estates
2. Create an avenue for residents to reach the Neighborhood Association
3. Create a message board for residents to alert residents of issues in the neighborhood
4. Safe, secure website to make your contribution to The Neighborhood Association

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Oakes Estates Neighborhood Association Contribution

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____

Your Biggest Concerns about Oakes Estates Neighborhood:
