



Wiggins Bay Foundation, Inc.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

January 23, 2019

Dear Wiggins Bay Residents,

Recently there have been concerns raised about an Alligator sited in the ponds and the grass areas around the ponds.

Please be assured that the Wiggins Bay Board President Ed Magnani has secured a permit and Florida Wildlife will be sending a “trapper” to remove the Alligator from the community. That is schedule to happen this week.

As a reminder, Florida has many “critters” that can cause serious injuries and death. While it may appear most dangerous, the alligator is a lower risk than poisonous snakes and other venomous insects and reptiles. Please do not walk along the edges of ponds or enter ponds or allow children or pets to do so.

This last year we also provided information on Bears in Southwest Florida, so please understand that they live here and be cautious and aware that as long as you do not approach them they generally will steer clear of humans. Please NEVER feed wildlife as it encourages them to remain in the area. The previous information is shown below.

Sightings of bears and alligators are common in Southwest Florida, including the Wiggins area of North Naples. Tarpon Cove experienced many bear sightings over the summer. In October a bear was sighted again in Tarpon Cove, a bear across the road in Wiggins Bay the Villas, plus a “gator” in the west lake of Wiggins Bay.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has information valuable to residents and home/condo associations on <http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/managed>

Keep garbage sealed, grills cleaned, and garage doors down.

The FWC website includes information about safety, avoidance, and sample Rules or By-Laws that organizations may choose to implement.

We appreciate your attention and consideration of the information provided and be assured, that as necessary nuisance animals will be addressed as appropriate by State Standards.

All the Best,

Wiggins Bay Foundation Board & Management