



The Gulf View

Annual Picnic November 7

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You're Invited



Sunday, November 7, 2010

1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

The Manasota Beach Pavilion

Please bring a dish to provide for about 10 people. Individuals should bring their own choice of drinks.

Tableware, plates, cups, napkins and ice will be provided.

This is an opportunity to welcome back our summer vacationers and catch up on GVE news.



Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening,
November 6th.

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Thought for the Day

“The impersonal hand of government can never replace the helping hand of a neighbor.”

~~ Hubert Humphrey

2010 Board of Directors		
President	Donald Sussman	408-9486
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Welcoming	Sandy Tustin	493-4734
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GVE Declaration Compliance Assessments

The Association exists primarily to maintain Lot owners' property values and the daily appearance of GVE Lots and common areas plus maintenance of resident's health, safety, and welfare. Aiding in this effort are periodic Declaration Compliance Assessments in the form of a "ride-around" during hours of daylight or darkness on GVE roadways by one or more Association Board members or volunteer Lot owners and one or two staff members of Keys-Caldwell, the GVE property manager. The Board has determined that performance of an at-least-once-per-year "walk-around" along all rear and side lot/yards and yard easements to assess compliance with the Declaration will complement the "ride-around". "Walk-around" assessments will be performed by Board members, volunteer Lot owners plus one or two Keys-Caldwell staff members. The Declaration is applicable to all Lots and Lot owners and authorizes Association access to all GVE lots.

Unless the purpose for which the Association exists is threatened, Lot owner encroachment on County easements is of no concern to the Association as encroachment permitting and enforcement are a County responsibility. Therefore, Lot owner compliance with the Declaration regarding lot front, rear and side yards is applicable to lot easements. The County and utilities contractors may remove any non-permitted easement obstacles to accomplish construction.

GVE Website Ready to Roll

The Gulf View Estates website, <http://www.gulf-view-estates.com>, is a reality and a work-in-progress. The site will eventually be populated with GVE Homeowners Association documents such as the Declaration of E&R's, Bylaws, Owners Association Directory, lot plats and much more. A GVE lot owner, Leontine Vandermeer, a professional web designer, volunteered to establish it and serve as web mistress. Lot owners may submit questions and suggestions for the website. Scroll down to the bottom of the home page to do so. The Homeowners Association Board of Directors will consider future newsletter distribution via the website thus saving printing costs and ensuring 24/7 availability to absent lot owners. In that vein, future hardcopy or paper distribution may be by exception, i.e., a lot owner's written request to Rose Lindenberg, our volunteer newsletter editor. Take a few minutes to visit this great new website at the address above and consider what information you would like to see on it.

Bits and Pieces

Calendar of Events

November 4

Ladies Luncheon is scheduled to be held at *Ricaldees Bar and Grill*, 2481 S. McCall Road, Englewood, at 12:00 noon.

November 10

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at Woodmere Park at 7:00 PM. All GVE homeowners are invited to attend.

November 12

R.O.M.E.Os Bill Cress is hoping all men interested in celebrating Veterans Day will come to lunch at *Applebee's*, 4329 Tamiami Trail S., Venice, at 12:00 noon.

November 18

Community Dinner Night Out will be held at *Crossroads American Grille*, 385 US Bypass N. (across from Albee Farm Road) at 6:00 PM.

December 2

Ladies Luncheon is planned for *Boca Royale Golf and Country Club*, 1601 Englewood Road (SR776) at 12:00 noon.

Bill and Ruth Cress are hosts for November and December social gatherings. Please call 493-0660 to make your reservations for all events. Calling ahead will facilitate notice to the restaurants of party numbers.

December 15

The Annual Homeowners Meeting. Details will be in future issues of the newsletter.

Yard Sale Date Set

Donna Mills and Dora Jean Banes are managing the GVE Yard Sale and have set the date for February 5, 2011. More details will appear in future newsletters and on the GVE website.

Christmas Lights

The volunteers who decorated the entrance to GVE last year made us all proud to be a part of this neighborhood. If you enjoyed that colorful display, consider volunteering to help this year.

Bonnie Conant is hoping to draft some new volunteers to share this year's effort. If you can help, meet the crew at the front entrance at 9:00 AM, Saturday, November 27th. Any questions or concerns, please call Bonnie at 497-5965.

Volunteers Needed

Gulf View Estates has more than 370 homeowners who expect the Board of Directors to run the business of the Association efficiently. So far, the Annual Dues has remained very low compared to surrounding communities.

We have no pool, tennis courts nor club house to support. The Board spends carefully on maintenance of common grounds, ponds, fountains, electricity, legal advice and such services as are needed.

Right now there is an urgent need for a person to coordinate the Security program. The Sheriff's department emphasizes the value of a watch program as a strong deterrent to crime.

Members of the Association voted to establish a Fining Compliance Committee. To date, it has been ineffectual because there are not enough volunteers to staff the committee. The deed restrictions need to be enforced to maintain the beauty and value of GVE homes. Attempts to educate homeowners is failing and the Board needs a stronger means to enforce those rules. Please consider volunteering.

Association Mailbox

Association members may use the mailbox at the intersection of Madison and Washington Roads to correspond with the Board via the Association management company, Keys-Caldwell, Inc. Such mail is retrieved every other Friday by Keys-Caldwell. Members are reminded that the correspondence date and the date placed in the mailbox should be the same. A recent concern arose when a correspondence date was much earlier than the date retrieved from the mailbox. The Board strives to respond in a timely manner to Association members' signed correspondence, but members' volunteer time is wasted in the course of resolving communication date disparities.