



# The Gulf View

## New Board Convenes

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The new Board of Directors takes up the challenge of 2011 beginning January 19th under the leadership of Duane Pilarski. Welcome to new members Bob Kozuch and Mike Shlasko. A roster of the Board and Committee Chairpersons can be found on Page 2.

The 2010 budget was carefully managed to sustain the Association, but with increased expenses, it was evident that the new year would need an increase in resources. A particular issue is the number of homes in foreclosure that have placed a strain on GVE revenue.

At the December meeting members of the Association voted on the 2011 budget that set the year's Annual Fee at \$200. This is still a bargain compared to the assessments paid by owners of surrounding communities. That fee is now due.



**The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held January 19th, 7:00 PM, at Woodmere Park. All residents are invited to attend.**



**February 5, 2011**

## Newsletter Needs More Reporters

### Calling All Cooks/Chefs

There is a movement afoot to create a *Cook's Corner* in the newsletter. If you have a favorite recipe that seems to be of general appeal, you can forward a copy to the editor via email or submit your favorite recipe (let's start with easy ones) to Ruth Cress, 5895 Garfield Road, SanDee Fagin, 5888 Taylor Road or Pat DiFrancesca, 1482 Pierce Drive.

If there is enough interest generated, it could lead to production of a GVE Cook Book.

### Crafts People

Do you have an idea for a new column in *The Gulf View*? The Editor would

like to hear from you.

There are so many talented people in our community and others willing to learn. If you have a particular skill, such as knitting, crocheting, quilting, sewing, painting, woodworking, carving, gardening, crewel, needlepoint—the list is endless, would you be willing to teach a small group? Contact any one of the three Association members listed above.



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**Thought for the Day**

*“Life takes on meaning when you become motivated, set goals and charge after them in an unstoppable way.”*

~~ Les Brown

**2011 Board of Directors**

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***We Get Letters . . .***

*This letter is reprinted at the request of Nanette Vuolo in response to Bill Osborn’s letter in the December issue.*

Fellow GVE Association Members:

**GVE is a Deed Restricted Community.** Being reminded of so obvious a fact should not be necessary. We all knew it when we moved here. We wanted the protection and security that *deed restriction* affords. Every time we enter or leave GVE we are reminded again. Surely the recent attention given to "ride" and "walk arounds" by Board members and our management company, have brought our EC&Rs and deed restrictions into focus again.

As we all know, included in "deed restricted" protection is an association approved list of EC&Rs and an elected Board of Directors to insure that they are enforced. To help insure that required "enforcement" is minimal and non-confrontational, all substantive property modifications require prior approval from the GVE Board of Directors. Though approval is rarely denied, this procedure remains essential to the security and neighbor friendly atmosphere desired by GVE.

The fact that your particular modification is "sure" to enhance the look or value of your property and "certain" to meet with neighborhood approval irrelevant. It is the procedure of "prior Board approval"

that insures that hopeful scenario. Without it, there is no difference between one of us choosing to turn his front yard into a "beautiful" concrete parking lot. Should you be tempted to dismiss this comparison as exaggerated, please do not do so.

Remember, if you are permitted the unabridged right to do whatever you want to do to your property, your neighbors will enjoy the same right. And, the assumption that all neighbors can be expected to exercise "common sense" and "good taste" in all such matters is naïve. The scenarios possible regarding the serious degradation of a neighborhood are easy to imagine, and can occur in very short order. Again, isn't that why we chose a "deed restricted" community in the first place?

Obviously, the argument that "We were not aware of the requirement of prior Board approval" will continue to fall on deaf ears. We have all been made aware of that. A few have just not taken it seriously enough.

If this letter sounds harsh, it is only because the matter it addresses is so important. The EC&Rs must be enforced. And, enforcement after someone has already committed to a property modification that fails to comply with our EC&Rs is not only stressful for our Board members, but can be financially devastating to the violators.

Respectfully, Jack Jerome

# Bits and Pieces

## Calendar of Events

### January 27

The Community Dinner Night Out will be at *Howard's*, 14 Aqua View Lane, off SR776 in Englewood, at 6:00 PM. Call Ruth Cress for reservations at 493-0660.

### February 3

The Ladies Luncheon will be held at *Honoluana Island Grill*, 222 Airport Avenue East at 12:00 noon. Please call Ann Vohsberg, 587-8942, for reservations.

### February 5

Gulf View Estates *Annual Garage Sale* is scheduled. See article this page.

### February 19

Monthly meeting of the GVE Board of Directors will convene at 7:00 PM at Woodmere Park.

### February 24

The Community Dinner Night Out is planned for *Gold Rush BBQ*, 661 South Tamiami Trail, at 6:00 PM. Ann Vohsberg is taking reservations at 587-8942.



## Annual Garage Sale

Start cleaning out the attic, garage, cupboards, closets and other overcrowded places in your home! The Annual Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, February 5th.

It will be held 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. As usual it will be advertised in local papers and a volunteer will come around to collect \$1.00 from each participating resident to offset the cost.

Past sales have been very successful bringing bargain hunters from miles around.



We plan on putting them up again the Saturday after Thanksgiving 2011. We look forward to your help. Thanks again for a job well done.

## Newsletter On-Line

Homeowners can read The Gulf View on-line by typing in the address [gulf-view-estates.com](http://gulf-view-estates.com).

There are pages where you can list Items for Sale, Items Wanted, Services Needed, Services Offered, Events, Real Estate for Sale and General items.

It was decided by the Board that the newsletter would not get into the business of advertising. This is a unique opportunity for our readers to take advantage of this service.

The Gulf View will continue to be printed and distributed in hard copy for those who do not have computer access. The hope is that Association members will eventually be able to sign up for internet access only and the newsletter will be printed only for those who request it.



## Thank You !

By Bonnie Conant

A big thank you to all who helped remove the Christmas lights:

- Duane Pilarowski
- Bob Kozuch
- Jerry Iwanski
- Mike Shlasko
- Bill Thomas
- Chris Bohn
- Wayne and Nanette Vuolo
- Gerry and Ed Kowalski
- Mike Buckley
- Tom Myers
- Charles and Bonnie Conant
- Elmer Krauss



## From the Mail Box:



### Pet owners:

Pierce Road is a great place to walk your pets and a great place to just walk along the ponds; however, it is not the responsibility of someone else to pick up the poop from your pet. I know most pet owners do clean up, but there are a few who don't. It's your pet, pick it up. This problem has been reported on front lawn and by our mailboxes.

Also, when your pet is outside, it must be on a leash, no matter how well trained it may be. This is a Florida leash law.

### Solicitation:

I had a call, around 8:30 the other night, about a young man going door-to-door trying to sell something. I drove around, found the young man, told him he had to stop, he left without any problems. We do not allow solicitation in GVE and you should inform the person. You don't have to listen to their speech. Don't be misled, that they aren't selling anything; the fact that they knocked on your door is solicitation. The Sheriff's department has been very helpful for those who don't get the point.

### Christmas lights:

There were notes from homeowners wanting to thank the light committee for the great Christmas light display. Sorry we couldn't keep it lit every night; we tried.

### People walking:

When walking at night, please be aware when a car is coming that is very difficult to see you; make yourself seen.

Duane Pilarowski, President



### **Mama Bobcat and Kitten**

A mother bobcat and her cub were photographed recently near the gate leading to Ventura by Nanette Vuolo. Bobcats regularly pass through the wooded backyards between Gulf View Estates and Ventura.

If you spot them, remember they are on the hunt and will aggressively protect their young. Cute as they may seem, do not approach them.

