



# The Gulf View

## Board Meeting February 16

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The February meeting was presided over by Vice President Bob Kozuch. The Board discussed a lengthy list of agenda topics.

Overtures have been made to Ventura Villages regarding the use of their community clubhouse for GVE Board meetings. Such an agreement could potentially save on rental fees. No response has yet been received.

There are approximately 59 Association owners who have not paid their annual dues. Of those, 12 are in foreclosure or bankruptcy, a sad sign of the times.

If you noted that the fountains up front

are running more, it's because the County lifted the restriction on fountain hours. It would be even better if Pennington Place would uphold their end of the 2003 agreement to run theirs.

The Board voted to spend \$97 to purchase the domain name *gulfviewestates* from a company who no longer wanted to use it and to pay Leontine Vandermeer a nominal fee per month to serve as Webmaster.

**The next meeting of the GVE Board of Directors will be held at 7:00 PM at Woodmere Park on March 16. All Association owners are welcome.**



Daylight Saving Time begins March 13th

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## Gulf View Estates on the Web

By Michael Shlasko

We are pleased to announce the re-launch of the Gulf View Estates web site now available at

[www.gulfviewestates.com](http://www.gulfviewestates.com)! Yes, we have purchased our name and you no longer need the hyphens to find us although [www.gulf-view-estates.com](http://www.gulf-view-estates.com) is still available for those who have bookmarked the old site.

Enhancements to the new site so far include:

Addition of local weather display from

the Venice High Weather Station with a link to the internet's premier detailed weather forecast Weather Underground!

Posting of Gulf View Estates Owners Association Documents including:

- Board Agenda
- Board Minutes
- Bylaws
- Easements, Covenants & Restrictions

See *Web Page 4*

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**Thought for the Day**

*“Unquestionably there is progress. The average American now pays out twice as much in taxes as he formerly got in wages.”*

~~ H. L. Mencken  
 (1880 –1956)

<b>2011 Board of Directors</b>		
<b>President</b>	<b>Duane Pilarowski</b>	<b>492-9455</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Robert Kozuch</b>	<b>408-7566</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Charles (Dale) Conant</b>	<b>497-5965</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Nanette Vuolo</b>	<b>244-2441</b>
<b>Directors</b>	<b>Michael Shlasko</b>	<b>493-3504</b>
	<b>Edmund Kowalski</b>	<b>493-5584</b>
	<b>Richard Vohsberg</b>	<b>587-8305</b>
<b>Architectural Review</b>	<b>Nanette Vuolo</b>	<b>244-2441</b>
<b>Welcome Committee</b>	<b>Sandy Tustin</b>	<b>493-4734</b>
<b>Social Committee</b>	<b>Ruth Cress</b>	<b>493-0660</b>
<b>Street Capt. Coord.</b>	<b>Lyn McConnell</b>	<b>496-8687</b>

**Compliance Committee Procedure**

1. Ride-around or complaint received.
2. Letter #1 sent: Names infraction and refers to Paragraph 23.2. Fining/Compliance Committee  
 14 days to reply or comply
3. Letter #2: No action observed; 14 days to comply or turn over to Committee
4. Letter # 3 Sent: States Fine to be imposed and Committee hearing date. EC&R 23.2.(d)  
 14 days to reply or comply
5. Committee Meeting with Lot owners (Date, time and place set by committee)
6. Committee: written recommendation delivered to Association and Lot Owner.

EC&R 23.2.(e)....”action to be taken; recommended monetary fine amount \$\_\_\_\_\_.”

7. Board to approve or deny.
8. Letter #4 : You have been fined \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
 Statement of charges attached.  
 EC&R’s 23.2.(h). If fine is not paid within 30 days from date violation was identified, legal action for a Judgment can be filed in Sarasota County Court System.  
 Attorney and court costs will be added to the fine.  
  
 Note: We have been advised by our attorney that the following is true:  
 A Judgment Lien recorded in Tallahassee would apply to every property owned in Florida.  
 A 2<sup>nd</sup> Lien can be recorded in any state the home-owner has property.  
 They will be required to pay off our lien before those properties are sold.  
 We hope it never comes to this.

This article is meant to clarify the steps to be taken in the event of a non-compliance issue. If you have any further questions about this procedure, please contact any member of the Board of Directors.

# Bits and Pieces

## Calendar of Events

### March 16

Monthly Meeting of the *GVE Board of Directors* is scheduled at 7:00 PM at Woodmere Park. All members of the Association are welcome.

### March 31

Community Dinner Night Out will be held at 6:00 PM at *Saltwater Café* located at 1071 Tamiami Trail north. It is on the south side of the highway before Laurel Road. For more information and to make a reservation call Linda Sussman, 408-9486.

### April 7

GVE Ladies Lunch is planned for 12:00 noon at *Café Italia Ristorante*, 900 Venetia Bay Boulevard, across from the Venice Bypass and the Hampton Inn. Please call Gail Saunders for reservation 493-8597.



### April 28

Community Dinner Night Out is scheduled at the Lock 'n Key Restaurant & Pub, 2045 Beach Road, across from Englewood Beach, at 6:00 PM. Gail Saunders is taking reservations at 493-8597.

## GVE Directory Update

By Michael Shlasko

We are in the process of updating the Gulf View Estates directory last released in 2009. Some of you have or will be receiving calls or emails requesting confirmation of information for the new directory. Please be assured that these communications are legitimate and help us to produce and maintain an accurate database of our residents.

We will be considering publication on the web site in the existing password protected section that prevents indexing by search engines as well as providing hard copy for those residents who do not yet have access to the internet.

## Thank You!

By Dolly Lewis

I would like to thank the following neighbors for their help at the Annual Meeting December 15, 2010:

Bob Booth, Bill Cress, Wayne Vuolo, Bill White, Shirley Iwanski, Jerry Iwanski, Tom McConnell, Larry Stock, Tom McCullom, Wallace Hewett, Tom Myers and Sue Myers.

Sorry I am so late, but I was freezing in Connecticut when the January newsletter was published. I can always count on all of you and I really appreciate it.

Thank you so much.



## Security Patrol



The Security Patrol was a part of our community for several years. It is sponsored by the Sarasota County Sheriff Department and highly recommended as a deterrent to crime.

It was managed by Rob Lee before he moved and passed on to the very capable hands of Jack Jerome. Jack organized a spread sheet with dates, times and volunteers. There were dozens of neighbors who volunteered two hours every month or so to cruise the entire development and keep a watchful eye out for suspicious activity. He passed all of his files on to the Board. Why has this worthy plan disappeared from the scene? The culprit that sunk it is called apathy.

Current economic conditions have spurred an increase in theft of such items as copper pipe, yard care equipment and almost anything that can be hauled away and sold. We have had no serious problem with crime in GVE in the past, but complacency can eventually catch up with all of us. It is sad that this program is handed to us at no cost and no one will volunteer to manage it.

The day we do have the inevitable incident is likely the day a volunteer will surface.

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Link to the new Gulf View Estates FACEBOOK page! Yes, a place to exchange messages with friends and neighbors and post pictures and links to share with the entire Gulf View Estates Community.

Updated Listing of Meetings and Events

Please visit our web site, LIKE our Facebook page, and send suggestions for enhancements to our webmaster Leontine Vandermeer via the link on the web site or to the Board contact Mike Shlasko, mike@shlasko.com or 493-3504.

### SWCAHA February Meeting

By Wallace Hewett

Speaker Nora Patterson did a comprehensive review of the County's activities. Most significant problems include the economy and unemployment –

Unemployment in Sarasota County is 11.4%

- Sales tax dropped by 40%
- Home construction is way down

On the bright side:

- PGT is moving their South Carolina manufacturing to Sarasota
- Ringling School of Design is enlarging
- Baseball stadium (Tourist Tax raised from 3c to 4c will add
- \$10 million for the fund to increase tourism
- Cheap bond money is helping the County construction jobs

Commissioners feel safe to 2017, but may have to go to reserves for a couple of accounts.

We can expect to see a little pickup by the end of 2011 with a major jump in 2012.

Foreclosures with pools have prompted an increase in mosquito spraying and the availability of minnows to treat the pools.

The next meeting of the Alliance is March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Englewood Center for Sustainability. The speaker is Erick Phelps, Chairman of the ECS (Education Commission of the States).

The Alliance needs help in finding representatives to help maintain its current level of service to local Associations.

## From the President



### Annual Fee Due Now

For those homeowners who have not paid their 2011 dues, please do it now to avoid late charges. We still have over \$11,000 outstanding in unpaid Association fees.

### Pennington Place

Just an update: it seems the agreement we negotiated back in 2003 about cutting trees and brush along the ponds is not the same in 2011. The County has a short memory or can't locate the documents that cover these issues. The fountains are to be turned on every day for more than one hour which was a request by the County, not us. For these considerations, GVE agreed to continue to cut the grass and treat the ponds at our expense. We have. I haven't given up yet.

### Anonymous Letters

I received a letter which was unsigned. The Board cannot respond or take any action to an unsigned letter. If you deposit a letter in the mailbox or mail it to a Board member or to Keys-Caldwell, please remember to sign it so we can address your concern



Keys-Caldwell does not enforce our EC&Rs. Only the Association has the authority through the Board of Directors to enforce the EC&Rs.

### Entrée Featured This Month

If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share, contact Ruth Cress, 5895 Garfield Road; Pat diFrancesca, 1482 Pierce Drive or SanDee Fagin, 5888 Taylor Road. We will feature one each month as shown below in format that can be cut out and attached to a 4 x 6 file card for your recipe box.

The editor would appreciate feedback on this column. Do you want to try new recipes? Would you like to see one of your own in print? What do you think about the possibility of producing a GVE Cook Book?

COOK'S  
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#### Potatoes Pancakes (Latkes)

SanDee Fagin

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|--|--------------------------|
| 2 lbs. baking potatoes cut in 1 inch cubes | 1 tsp. pepper            |
| 2 large eggs                               | 1 tsp. baking powder     |
| 1 medium onion                             | 1 1/2 tsp. coarse salt   |
| 1 1/2 cups flour                           | Vegetable oil for frying |

Add first 6 ingredients to food processor. Blend until coarse. Add flour and blend. For the real secret of crisp potato pancakes: pour enough oil in large skillet to coat the bottom. Heat over medium heat until hot but not smoking. Using a serving spoon, scoop batter and holding spoon about 8 inches above pan, spill it all at once (Splat!). Repeat as many spoonfuls as will fill skillet. Cook until brown, about 1 minute, flip over and cook other side one minute.

Drain on paper towels and serve immediately.

Suggestions or concerns are to be submitted in writing, signed and placed in the community mailbox at the corner of Pierce Drive and Madison Road. They are collected once a week by our Property Manager.

Emergency Concerns should be called in to Jim Kraut at 408-8293.