



The Gulf View

Economics Affect GVE

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The economic condition of our entire country is reflected in the number of homes that are for sale in GVE, some of which are in foreclosure. In addition, there are 28 homeowners who have not paid annual dues that were due January 1, 2011. The Association is running on a tight budget and the Board has sent letters to those in arrears in an attempt to collect the remaining payments.

The Board announced that there are five Association members on the Compliance Committee as of March 16th. As this is something new to all of us, the

procedures and communications will be examined and re-assessed as needed. Anyone who would like to contribute to the success of the Compliance Procedures can contact Nanette Vuolo or any other member of the Board.

Good News

We have a volunteer to chair the Security Patrol. Appointed by the Board, Tina Glover has graciously agreed to take over the program. All GVE owners are urged to assist her in implementing this worthwhile project. See her article on Page 4.



GVE Looks Great!

Nanette Vuolo

"Great Job Everyone." I don't know whether it's because of our new, more aggressive compliance letters, or just a case of Spring Cleaning Fever after two damagingly cold winters, but either way, the exterior appearance of our homes and yards is remarkable. Dead and/or damaged trees and shrubs are being replaced. Lawns are being mowed and treated. Flowers planted. Homes, driveways and lanais are being power washed and painted. I am getting numerous comments on how great GVE looks this year, and I agree. So, on behalf of myself and the other Board members: Congratulations - Well Done.

Keep in mind that maintenance is a con-

tinuous thing. When we close up our homes and head off on vacation or back up north for the summer, we are still responsible for the appearance of our homes and landscape here in GVE. Make sure you have someone caring for them. Keys-Caldwell should be notified of your departure, and given emergency contact information. You should leave a key and contact info with a friend, neighbor or family member. It might also be wise to take a Venice/Sarasota "yellow pages" or the Services Directory in the classified section of the newspaper home with you. This will make it easier for you to locate maintenance help or contractors to make repairs in your absence.

Whether you stay or go may you have a safe, fun summer. I look forward to hearing all about it next October.

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Thought for the Day

“Thanks to the Interstate Highway System, it is now possible to travel from coast to coast without seeing anything.”

~~ Charles Kuralt

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SWCAHA

By Wallace Hewett

The Southwest County Alliance of Homeowners Associations held their monthly meeting. The speaker was Erick Phelps, Chairman of the Englewood Center for Sustainability.

He covered several of the areas in which they are active. As in all areas, they are looking for volunteers:

Program Committee – Plan criteria, solicit projects and programs

Fundraising and Events – Develop fund raising plans and organize events

PR and Outreach – Publicize Center to community and potential partners

Facilities – Maintain and manage the Center buildings and grounds

(working with Sarasota Parks and Recreation)

Garden – Plan and undertake a community garden and other landscape projects

Others – Bring us your ideas!

Offer to volunteer at info@englewoodcenterforsustainability.org or mail a letter to J. Erick Phelps, Corin Bay Real Estate Marketing and Sales, Inc, 2051 Englewood Road, Englewood, FL 34223. Phone (941) 376-2159.

This month’s meeting was held in the rebuilt octagonal building at Buchan Airport. It’s worth a ride to visit and view the meeting rooms and park.

It was noted that Jon Thaxton will run again for County Commissioner.

A meeting March 17th at Green Street Church was set to review crime in the Englewood area. The April meeting is at Park Forest April 7th.

Bits and Pieces

Calendar of Events

April 20

Monthly meeting of GVE Board of Directors will be held at Woodmere Park, 7:00 PM.

April 21

The R.O.M.E.Os will be meeting at Bob Evans, S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, for breakfast at 9:30 AM. Call Bill Cress for reservations at 493-0660.

April 28

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

May 5

GVE Ladies Lunch is planned at Mango Bistro at the corner of Dearborn and Mango in Englewood at 12:00 noon. Call Sandy Booth for reservations at 223-6164.

May 26

Community Dinner Night Out will be at Stephano's Family Restaurant, 201 Indiana Avenue, Englewood at 6:00 PM. Call Ruth Cress for reservations at 493-0660.

Note

An accident has temporarily sidelined President Duane Pilarowski. He is doing fine and will be back in support of The Gulf View next month. We wish him well.

In the meantime, he is discharging most of his duties and relying on

the other members of the Board.

Front Entrance

The Board voted in favor of a proposal from Bob Kozuch to begin maintenance improvements on the gardens and palms at the front entrance and along the wall that fronts SR776.

The fountains are running 12:00 noon to 9:00 PM now as the County removed the restriction on the number of hours they can operate. Flowers are already blooming in the island garden. It all leaves a very pleasant impression on anyone entering our community.

Coordinator

Lyn McConnell has served for several years as Street Captain Coordinator. She plans to retire next month and GVE will need a volunteer to take over her duties.

COOK'S HONOR

Butter Pecan Chocolate Caramel Squares

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Crust

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 stick butter, cut in 8 pieces
- 1 cup pecans, coarsely chopped

Topping

- 2/3 cup butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup (16 ozs) chocolate chunks

Combine crust ingredients in food processor; pulse to combine. Press dough over bottom of 9 x 13" ungreased pan. Scatter pecans and press them in gently.

For topping combine butter and brown sugar and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Pour hot caramel over crust, tilting to distribute evenly. Bake at 350° on center rack until surface is bubbly (20 min.). Remove pan and sprinkle chocolate chunks over surface. Allow chocolate to melt 3 minutes then spread evenly over surface.

Refrigerate 2 hours and cut into squares to serve.

You Get Letters

The hot topic of conversation this month is the new compliance letters some folks have received. If you received one, *note that* each letter has an attached copy of the specific EC&R that needs to be addressed, and states the possible consequences if left unattended. If you feel that we have sent the letter in error, please contact Keys-Caldwell by letter or fax. We can only respond to *written and signed* requests.

We readily admit that this process is a work in progress. It is new to us as well. We are trying to navigate a fine line between the Florida 720 HOA Statutes and #23 of our own EC&Rs, voted into effect by a majority of homeowners in 2008. We welcome your input, so if you would like to help us work through this compliance process, feel free to contact me *personally* by phone (244-2441) or email (nanette@vuolofamily.com).

Respectfully,
Nanette Vuolo

GVE Security

By Tina Glover

As of May 15th, the Citizens Patrol shall be reinstated. On March 25th, I received a communication from our Property Manager, Jim Kraut: *"The fountains owned by Pennington Place have been damaged and are not working."* (See Jim's entire article below.) For anyone who does not know, Pennington Place is one of the developments adjacent to Gulf View Estates. It is definitely

time to put this process back in place.

I have volunteered to take the role of coordinator for this process. My name is Tina Glover and I can be reached at 445-5636. This can only be successful with your help. I will need as many of you to volunteer as possible. Any time that you can contribute will help to keep us all safe. Do not feel this has to be done in the evening. If you have time, morning, afternoon or evening, you can help. I have spoken to the Crime Prevention Department of the Sarasota Sheriff's office. They agree that any time is a good time and that a random patrolling is more effective. VISIBILITY of a security presence is key to making people aware that we are watching and protecting our community.

Even if you are just out for a walk, you can help by keeping yourself aware of your surroundings and taking note of anything that seems potentially dangerous or criminal in nature.

This can only work with your contribution. It is OUR community and any hour that you can volunteer will make us that much safer. Please call me with whatever day(s) and times you can volunteer.



Pennington Place Update

The Board recently received this email from Jim Kraut, our Keys-Caldwell

Property Manager: *"The fountains owned by Pennington Place have*

been damaged and are not working. At some point in the last week, thieves came in and cut the wires from the meter boxes and stole the wiring from that point to the time boxes for both fountains (hooking the one end to a truck and pulling it out and leaving the boxes "hot" in the process). In the case of the fountain closest to GVE entrance, they even pulled the fountain to the shore and disconnected the wiring from there and stole that section plus the brass nozzles as well! Work has begun on replacing the wiring but it will be some time until it is completed.

Keep an eye on your fountains because I'm sure these folks will keep going until they get caught. Call the police if you see anyone suspicious. Rod from Fountain Services is the only guy that should be out there working on them."



Association Directory

The Owners Association Directory is being consistently updated by Director Mike Shlasko. If you wish your listing to be changed or you know of any changes that should be made, please contact him by email at mike@shlasko.com

Sea Turtle Nesting Season Begins May 1

By Michael Shlasko



Did you know that our beach, from Casperson south to the Pearl Motel, has the highest density of sea turtle nests on the Gulf Coast! Yes, almost 1,000 nests averaging 100 eggs per nest! Sea Turtle nesting season begins on May 1 and ends in October. Sea turtles are protected by the U.S. Endangered Species Act and the Florida Marine Turtle Protection Act. Both prohibit touching or disturbing sea turtles, hatchlings, or nests.

Sea turtle ordinances in Charlotte, Lee, and Sarasota counties and in many other Florida counties and municipalities provide further protections. Some things for GVE residents and guests to remember during nesting season;

On Gulf Beaches May1 - October 31

- Do not use flashlights, tiki torches, fishing lanterns, flash photography, or fireworks.
- Enjoy the sand and sandcastles, but refill holes, which can trap hatchlings (and shorebird chicks).
- Remove canopies, chairs, toys, boats and other obstructions from the beach at night.
- Do 'mini' clean-ups daily so that trash does not entrap or obstruct the path of hatchlings and so food scraps do not attract predators.
- Do not allow pets on the beach. Pets running loose may harass turtles, dig up nests or harm hatchlings (and shorebird chicks).
- If you are fortunate enough to encounter a nesting turtle on the beach, *remain quiet, at a distance, and in the dark.* Allow her to return undisturbed to the sea.

Coastal Wildlife Club www.coastalwildlifeclub.org is responsible for sea turtle protection from Casperson south through Englewood and Mote Marine www.mote.org is responsible for sea turtle protection from Casperson north to Sarasota. Turtle Patrol volunteers from both organizations hit the beaches at dawn during turtle season. Want to volunteer, take a walk with the turtle patrol, or get additional information? Contact Coast Wildlife, Mote, or here in Gulf View call or email Mike and Andrea Shlasko, mike@shlasko.com, 493-3504.

Critters

By Bob Kozuch

It happens. Wildlife wants to move in rent free. What does one do? I attended the Sarasota Home Show last weekend and walked up to a booth called WILDLIFE SOLUTIONS. It was a great learning experience. These people will humanely remove your wildlife problems, whether it is Raccoons, Squirrels, Rats, Bats, Snakes, Armadillos, Skunks, Opossums or others.

I often wondered what I would do if I encountered this problem. Here is an answer. For public information, their phone number is 1-800-246-9453. Thought I would pass this information to all you good people. It may or may not come in handy.



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.