



# The Gulf View

## April Board Meeting

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The Board heard reports about Driveby Inspections and it was reported that the majority of people receiving letters are responding in a timely and positive way.

There are ten lots in bankruptcy or foreclosure. Efforts are being made to collect dues from property owners who have not paid this year.

The letter going out to owners who are not in compliance is being reviewed to change the content. This method of enforcing the EC&Rs is new to GVE and the Board is tweaking the procedures. If you have received a letter, you need to

respond to it. The Board is not unaware of the stressful economic restraints on so many of us, but there are some members of the Association who regularly ignore the EC&Rs. The plan to enforce them must be fair to all owners. The ultimate goal is to maintain the value and beauty of the neighborhood. The Association is in good shape even though the electric and landscape line items are over budget.

The next regular meeting of the Board will take place in September.



### REMEMBER

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## GVE THEFTS A CONCERN

There have recently been two incidents of theft in our development. The first involved decorative benches that were taken from the screened entrance of one home. The second theft was of ceramic glazed planters. These are difficult economic times and desperate people do desperate things.

I placed an article in last month's newsletter asking for volunteers to reestablish the security patrol for our development. I have had 3 people volunteer and I would like to thank all 3 of you. I will be contacting you soon to set up a schedule. I would also like to reiterate the need for many more volunteers. It does not matter how much time you can contribute. If it is a 1/2 hour, that's an-

other 1/2 hour that someone is watching and showing that we have a security presence. It does not matter what time you can volunteer. Random surveillance is what is needed; DAY or NIGHT, we need you out there. After the destruction at Pennington, coupled with these two thefts here at GVE, it's very apparent that we need to take an active role in keeping our community safe.

We have 370 households in GVE. If each household offered up one to two hours of their time per year, we'd be very well patrolled. Please contact me, Tina Glover, at 445-5636 to volunteer whatever time you have available.

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**Thought for the Day**

*“Pride is the recognition of the fact that you are your own highest value and, like all of man’s values, it has to be earned.”*

~~ Ayn Rand  
*Atlas Shrugged*

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**Helping Hand**

By Nanette Vuolo

At the last Board Meeting, I was given a copy of an article from the AARP magazine titled “The *Real* Social Network”. It is about neighbors helping each other through a highly organized system called “Village to Village” (VtV) which links neighbors together to help one another remain in the homes they love as they grow older. The examples given were as complex as providing assistance to an older couple housebound without electricity during a snow storm, to the opposite extreme of only needing help with changing a light bulb.

The concept began as a neighborhood group in 2001 to ease access to the services that often force older Americans to give up their homes and move to a retirement community. There are now more than 56 “Villages” in the U.S. with another 120+ in development. Their system works like this: “Members pay an annual fee (the average is about \$600.) The village itself usually has only one or two paid employees, and most do not provide services directly. Instead, the village serves as a liaison, or *concierge*. The help comes from other able-bodied village members, younger neighbors, or youth groups doing community service. Villages also provide lists of approved home-maintenance contractors, many of whom offer discounts to members. By relying on this mix of paid and volunteer help, members hope to cobble together a

menu of assistance similar to what they would receive at a retirement community, but without uprooting their households.\*

I have received comments from other homeowners who have asked if we had, or could begin assembling something along these lines. Our Snowbirds are also looking for people to look in on their homes while they are away, as well as reliable local contractors to do minor repairs. This got me thinking about our Gulf View Estates web page. [www.gulfviewestates.com](http://www.gulfviewestates.com). In our Classifieds section there are categories for “Services Offered” and “Services Needed” as well as Announcements, Events, Items for Sale, Items Wanted and Real Estate for Sale. Perhaps we can start there. If you or someone you know (in GVE) needs help, or would like to offer a service, why not encourage them to place an ad on our web site. Ads are free, and can include a photo. (Ads are reviewed before they are published, to make sure the content is acceptable.) If enough people use this valuable tool, soon we will have a great resource for all of us to turn to in time of need.

\* To read the entire article visit [www.aarpmagazine.org](http://www.aarpmagazine.org) and look for the May-June 2011 issue, page 82.  
 Note: For more information about Village to Village visit their website [www.vtvnetwork.org](http://www.vtvnetwork.org)

# Bits and Pieces

## Calendar of Events

### May 18

The Board of Directors will hold their monthly meeting at 7:00 PM at Woodmere Park. All owners are invited to attend.

### 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.

### June 2

Ladies Luncheon will be held at *Morgan's* (was Bentley's), 1660 S. Tamiami Trail in Osprey, at 12:00 noon. All those interested may call Ceci Kuelto at 496-4453 for reservations.

### June 30

Community Dinner Night Out is scheduled at *Waterfront Too*, 2205 N. Tamiami Trail, Nokomis at 6:00 PM. Ceci Kuelto is accepting reservations at 496-4453.



## Street Captain Coordinator

The Association needs a volunteer to take over as Coordinator of the Street Captains. Lynn McConnell has recruited and organized this group and she is retiring as of this month.

The duties of this position will lessen as *The Gulf View* goes online, but occasionally the Captains are called upon to deliver a special communication from the Board. A volunteer is needed to lead these loyal Street Captains. If you can help, contact any member of the Board.



## GVE Directory

The database for the directory is being maintained and updated by Mike Shlasko. Publication is on hold because of the changes to Chapter 720. The Florida legislature will determine what information can be provided or requested.

## Front Entrance

The seven tall palms at the front entrance have been trimmed. There is an extension of the irrigation line needed on the north wall to water the grass and the electrical service on the island still needs to be installed. Contractors are submitting bids for maintenance on the ponds and water fountains.

## Gone Again

The GVE newsletter has been my monthly project since 2001. I have enjoyed editing, formatting and producing this simple publication for the benefit of all my neighbors.

The new world of technology has at last invaded my territory. Soon the majority of readers will be accessing the newspaper online. That's as it should be. The costs of printing it and the time spent distributing it will diminish considerably.

I still get to edit, format and produce it!

The Board is working on a way to deliver hard copies to those who do not have access to a computer. This issue is the last regularly scheduled one for this spring, but we hope to get one online in midsummer. I will work from my summer home via email.

I'm gone again! The hills of New England are singing their usual come hither song and that along with the need to visit with my children is an irresistible force.

My good wishes to all of you who spend the summer months on the suncoast. May it be a healthy and hurricane-free season.



## SWCAHA Meeting

By Wallace Hewett

The guest speaker at the April meeting was Ed McCrane, Manager of Sarasota County's Emergency Management Services, a group of five individuals who are responsible for disaster preparedness for response, recovery and mitigation. This includes weather-related events (hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding), environmental problems (sink holes), civil disturbances (the wet foot/dry foot policy), terrorists' attacks and other State of Emergency incidents.

Mr. McCrane gave the following advice and information:

Lightning:     If thunders roars, go indoors.

Flooding:     Turn around. Don't drown.

Hurricanes:   It only takes one.

Any Disaster: Don't be scared. Be prepared.

Every citizen must have an emergency plan of action.

Keep informed of weather events (radio, TV, Ruskin NOAA).

Hurricane Action: Have a survival kit. Make a stay or evacuate plan. Be prepared.

Going to a shelter should probably be a "last resort" decision. If you have pet(s), identify pet-friendly shelters. Should you be a "special needs" person, contact EMS to get on their list for special instructions and care.



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.