



The Gulf View

Auto Theft Strikes GVE

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By Tina Glover

On June 27th at approximately 3:00 a.m., a gentleman on Lincoln Street heard his car alarm go off. When he went to investigate, he found his car had been burglarized and saw two men attempting to burglarize another car a couple of driveways down the road. When he yelled at them, they ran off. The police were able to apprehend the two thieves on Route 776 due to the very accurate description the homeowner on Lincoln was able to provide. GREAT JOB!!

These two thieves were driving a van they had stolen from Venetia and moved on to GVE to see what 'goodies' they could steal from us. A bottle of pills was found in the

van. These pills belonged to a homeowner on Monroe. When they were returned to the Monroe resident, it was discovered that they had been stolen from the resident's car. So, these two thieves had also been on Monroe and who knows where else!

So, again, I implore you to be a part of our citizen patrol program. Donate a few hours to help prevent crime. Its your neighborhood! You may well be the next victim. Any time that you can contribute will help. It doesn't matter whether its day or night and any day of the week is great. We are providing a central location to make accessing the equipment easier; a special thank you to Rick Delco & Mike Shlasko for all their time and ef-

fort to make this happen. Please contact Tina at 445-5636 with whatever time you can give.

If you come upon any suspicious activity, whether on patrol or not, please dial 911. The police can only help us if they know we need help. Thanks to this gentleman who called 911 on 6/27, these two thieves have been arrested and charged.

We may want to be a bit more cautious about locking our doors to our homes, as well as our cars. This is an unfortunate reality in a financially challenged time. Take steps to ensure you are not a victim.

**May we all have
a safe summer!**



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Thought for the Day

"It took me seventeen years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course."

~~ Hank Aaron

Sportswit

by Lee Green (1984)

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The Arts, Right in Our Backyard!

By Andrea Shlasko

If you are interested in art, ceramics, fiber arts and weaving, gardening, yoga, music, drumming, cooking, or making your own herbal remedies or skin care products, you can find all of this and more just a few miles from Gulf View Estates.

The Open Studio (TOS), located at 380 Old Englewood Road, is a brand new non-profit organization founded to support and encourage the creative spirit in people of all ages and abilities. The Open Studio supports reducing our carbon footprint upon the earth and sustainable practices that protect or rebuild our natural environment and will be offering programs in sustainable and organic gardening, raising awareness through recycling and reuse practices, and organic maintenance programs for buildings and surrounding grounds, with examples of native landscaping and organic gardens on site.

Evelyn Dow, one of the founders of The Open Studio, says, "Basically, The Open Studio is two things. First and foremost it is a facility that is meant to serve our community. We want you to be able to come here and find something that interests or excites you in some way. If you don't, let us know, and we'll try to add it. And we want to be a place where you can offer what interests or excites you to others. We want to be a place of exchanging skills and interests, where people can meet, share, perhaps ask questions and get answers about how to do or change something in their life or test out the reception to a new idea or small business. We are not for profit and totally volunteer.....so it's everyone's place and you can be involved as much as you want.

Secondly, it is a work in progress. We will never "be done". The facility itself has the potential to be much more than it is now and programming can be endless. Please, join us. If you have a skill or a bit of time that



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can help us keep moving forward, don't be shy. The Open Studio needs you. We also need donations of every sort and will publish a wish list from time to time. We always need art project and household supplies, so think of us before you put it on the street. “

Under construction right now is a pottery studio, and they will be offering several different month-long class series on food, herbs, and healthy cooking, and a health series with Dr. Babiak, There will be a new re-

tail shop of Fair Trade imports and local crafts and TOS made items, more gardens and classes, children's yoga and cooking classes, fiber arts, and a massage therapist on site.

For more information, go to the website: www.theopenstudio.org, call (941) 681-2782 or email them at theopenstudio.org@gmail.com.



Is this your home? Is this what you want your neighborhood to look like every day? This trash has been on the curb for 2 days and it appears that it is intended to sit on the curb for 1 week awaiting trash pickup. All GVE residents should be aware of and compliant with Section 12.b of your EC&R document.



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Reminder

(b) Trash Containers. The Owners of all Lots shall place their garbage and rubbish in sanitary disposal containers. Garbage containers, refuse or lawn cuttings shall not be put out for collection until after 5:00 P.M. of the evening before collection and returned by 7:00 P.M. of the evening of collection. See Page 4

EC&R Article 12

In view of the trash heaped on the roadside of Monroe Road, a review of the rules related to this problem is in order.

(a) Unsightly Objects - Visible Storage. All refuse and trash containers, outside clothes lines as permitted by law, oil or bottles, gas tanks, water softening equipment, air conditioners, swimming pool filter, pumps, and other similar items must be underground or hidden from view of all neighboring Lots by a landscaped hedge or wall or fence of sufficient height to totally conceal the equipment and it shall be architecturally attached to the dwelling structure as provided above.

(b) Trash Containers. The Owners of all Lots shall place their garbage and rubbish in sanitary disposal containers. Garbage containers, refuse or lawn cuttings shall not be put out for collection until after 5:00 P.M., of the evening before collection and returned by 7:00 P.M. of the evening of collection.

(f) Trash/Dumping. Dumping or placement of trash, refuse, grass cuttings, or yard debris of any kind on

USPS Mail Delivery

GVE's snowbirds and year-round, but travelling, residents should be aware of the USPS mail delivery and non-delivery policies. The Venice Postal Annex (VPA) on Seaboard Avenue serves only the Zip Code 34293 which means GVE. The purpose of USPS Form 8076, Authorization to Hold Mail, is obvious. The form may be given to the GVE carrier, mailed or submitted via an online request at <https://holdmail.usps.com/holdmail/landingView.do>. There is a choice of having accumulated mail delivered or personally picked up at the VPA by a date specified by the customer. The form states that mail may be held for a minimum of three (3) days, but not for more than thirty (30) days. The USPS will forward mail for up to one (1) year via an online request at <https://moversguide.usps.com/icoa/icoa-main-flow.do?execution=e1s1>. to GVE. Should your original in-

any Lot or common property grounds within the Sub-division, is prohibited.

Storage and Disposal of Unsightly Lawn Refuse

The visible storage of unsightly lawn refuse anywhere on lots, including curbs, is not permitted by E,C&R paragraphs 12.(a-b). Refuse must be concealed from the view of all neighboring Lots. Lawn refuse for trash collection must be placed in sanitary disposal containers and shall not be placed on lot curbs until after 5:00 PM of the evening before trash collection. Lot owners are responsible for ensuring that lawn refuse generated either by themselves, their renters or their lessees, or lawn and landscaping maintenance contractors is concealed from view until placed curbside in sanitary disposal containers for trash collection or otherwise disposed of. As presented in other 2011 GVE Newsletters, your Homeowners Association has instituted a process for remedying an instance or instances of EC&R non-compliance that may culminate in a monetary fine. Keep GVE clean!

tended date of GVE arrival unexpectedly change from the resume GVE delivery date provided the USPS you may submit a timely Hold Mail request to prevent the USPS from returning your mail to sender or destroying it. Gaining time may prove important if all or most of your First Class Mail (bills, statements, property taxes, legal documents, etc) is delivered by the USPS versus online. Why? The USPS policy, whether or not adhered to by your GVE carrier, is to halt mail delivery to your GVE mailing address should mail not be removed from your mail box after five (5) mail delivery days. The VPA holds that mail for five (5) days then returns it to the sender or destroys it. No doubt many GVE residents have had mail sit in their mail box in excess of five (5) days, but the carrier may experience bad karma if his/her negligence is detected by the USPS Inspectors and GVE residents may experience bad karma if an important document is not received and therefore not acted on. Source: VPA



Summer in Gulf View Estates

By Mike Shlasko

Summer rains are bringing with them beautiful skies, lush landscapes and abundant wildlife.

