



# The Gulf View

## New Board Begins 2012

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The 2012 Board of directors met January 18 and welcomed new officers and a new member. President, Nanette Vuolo, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The first order of business was an announcement that two members of the Compliance Committee have resigned. Rich Delco volunteered to join as Chair leaving the committee one member short. Linda Sussman was welcomed as the new Secretary and said

she was happy to serve actively for the community.

Property Manager, Jim Kraut, reported that only six letters had been sent to members who are in violation of the EC&Rs. It is very rewarding to see that the drive-by instituted by the Board has paid off very well in reducing the number of violations. The neighborhood looks particularly well maintained considering the winter has taken its toll and almost

every lot has brown grass.

There is a negative note, however. There is approximately \$20,000 in past due maintenance fees for 2012. There are nine properties in foreclosure or bankruptcy and the Board is pursuing legal actions according to law. The Association cannot maintain the development and pay its bills unless these fees are forthcoming.

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## Annual GVE Garage Sale February 4

Thanks to the efforts of Donna Mills and Dora Jean Banes, Gulf View Estates' annual Garage Sale is set for Saturday February 4th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

All residents are invited to participate. You may wish to "flag" or rope off the street perimeter of your lot to prevent

cars from damaging your lawn or sprinkler heads.



The traffic is generally heavy throughout the entire neighborhood. People from the sur-

rounding area watch the papers for this major annual event.

Advertising announcements have been placed in two local newspapers. To offset the cost of this increasingly expensive printing, Dusty Bradford will call on each family or household to collect a \$2.00 fee.

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**Thought for the Day**

*“Keep true, never be ashamed of doing right; decide on what you think is right and stick to it.”*

~~ George Eliot

2011 Board of Directors		
President	Nanette Vuolo	244-2441
Vice-President	Michael Shlasko	493-3504
Secretary	Linda Sussman	408-9486
Treasurer	Charles (Dale) Conant	497-5965
Directors	Edmund Kowalski	493-5584
	Robert Kozuch	408-7566
	Duane Pilarowski	492-9455
Architectural Review	Rich Delco	493-5296
Nominating	Dolly Lewis	493-2208
Security Patrol	Tina Glover	445-5636
Social Committee	Ruth Cress	493-0660
Street Capt. Coord.	Bill Osborn (Temp)	496-7505
Welcome Committee	Sandy Tustin	492-4734

*New Board continued*

It certainly is not fair to expect a small nucleus of members to shoulder the entire responsibility. To enjoy the advantages of living in a deed-restricted community like GVE, it is required that each owner abide by the rules.

The Q and A form in the December newsletter garnered only 28 responses: 18 in favor and 10 not in favor. The Board will proceed with drafting an application form designed to be submitted by owners who plan to rent their properties. If this concept becomes a reality, it will be presented to the Association meeting in December.

A concerned attendee reminded the Board that there are three alligators in the ponds surrounding GVE. You are reminded to take every precaution to avoid contact with these dangerous reptiles.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

**...from the President**

By Nanette Vuolo

It seems that there was some confusion about the tear-off opinion poll in last month’s newsletter. This is in NO way a formal vote. We are just trying to gauge homeowner interest in a variety of topics, and to create a form of communication between the homeowners and the Board. If you have any questions you would like to suggest, please contact me?

While I am disappointed with the number of responses, I must admit that this is a new idea and it came at a particularly busy time of year. I suspect that many newsletters were lost in the shuffle of holiday mail, and never even read. If you did not get a chance to read this, our newsletter can be found on our web site, and I encourage you to read the article that accompanied this question.

As for the results from last month’s question: *“Should our EC&Rs be*

*amended to require a Rental Agreement be submitted to the Management Company (or the Board) before a property is rented?”*

Yes = 18 No = 10.

We are working on an application form appropriate for our neighborhood and looking into the costs involved with making and implementing a change like this. Most Associations collect a fee from the landlord to cover this expense. If, after all the facts have been reviewed, it is decided to move forward with this project, it will be presented at the next Annual Meeting for a vote by the entire Association.

Please take a minute to look at this month’s question, and the related article, then let us know what you think. Just place your opinion in the mail box next to our bulletin board on Washington Street when you run your next errand.



# Bits and Pieces

## Calendar of Events

### February 4

Annual GVE Garage Sale will open at 9:00 AM and close at 3:00 PM.

### February 15

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

### February 2

The Ladies Luncheon will be held at *Howard's Restaurant on the Water*, 1400 Aqua View Lane off SR 776 at 12:00 noon. Please call Ruth Cress for reservations at 493-0660.

### February 16

R.O.M.E.O.s will meet at *Peaches*, 1230 Jacaranda Boulevard, Venice, at 9:00 AM for breakfast. Bill Cress has received requests to revive this group and would like to do so. If you wish to attend you must contact Bill at 493-0660 to sign up.

### February 23

Community Dinner Night Out is scheduled at *Sharkey's on the Pier*, 1600 Harbor Drive, South Venice at 6:00 PM. Please contact Ruth Cress for reservations at 493-0660.

## Thanks to One and All

By Bonnie Conant

A big Thank You to all who helped take down the Christmas lights. Special thanks to those who provided ladders, to Jerry Iwanski who brought his truck and to June Jeffery who furnished extra storage boxes.

Ed and Geraldine Kowalski

Jerry Iwanski

Ruth Cress

Chris Bohn

Wayne and Nanette Vuolo

Heather and Michael Buckley

Andrea and Mike Shlasko

Tom Myers

Bonnie and Charles Conant

*See pictures Page 5.*

## Dogs—Ongoing Issue

The only restriction on animals in this development is the leash required by Sarasota County as well as our EC&Rs. The Board receives complaints regularly because owners are not cleaning up after their dogs. One angry resident writes "I will be placing any dog poop left on my lawn in the street where the owners walk while their dogs defecate on my lawn." This seems a drastic measure, but he continues "it's a health hazard. This is my children's playground, not a dog bathroom. Should I dispose of used diapers on a neighbor's lawn?"

Is it possible that this on-going

problem may become an issue for the Compliance Committee to levy fines?

It is reasonable to expect dog owners to be more responsible if they expect to enjoy the right to own an animal. It doesn't count if they carry a plastic bag around and use it only when someone is looking or walk at night covered by darkness. It reflects in a very negative way on a small percentage of our GVE dog owners.

## Spinoffs Bowling League

By Fred Lyngard

I am writing at the request of the President of the Spinoff Bowling League, a non-certified group whose nucleus was primarily members of GVE years ago. Louis Wojowicz, current President of this group and a GVE resident would like to place this notice in *The Gulf View* newsletter to invite more members to consider bowling as an additional and pleasurable activity to add to their lives.

If you are interested, please call my cell phone (518)542-5397.

## Night Walkers

By Ed Kowalski

A reminder: walking the streets of GVE in the dark can be dangerous. Light colored clothing and a flashlight are recommended.



## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Bill Osborn

We are fortunate to live in a neighborhood where we can care for our own property without the monthly fees that make many communities so very expensive. We also have incentives to keep our neighborhood attractive, and have no restrictions on having children or dogs of any size. We are somewhat unique in these ways, making this a very special place to live.

One thing we don't have, however, which keeps our expenses low, but also somewhat limits our opportunities to get to know each other, is a community gathering place. We tend to have friends living on our street or who we share interests such as golfing, boating, fishing, etc., but have no way to just "bump into" each other informally.

This community has become more diverse with more younger residents, often with children, and who knows with what interesting skills, experiences and backgrounds from which they come. Maybe we could get to know each other through sharing our special skills and helping each other where it's needed. I have had tremendous help from friends with special talents, such as installing a pump into our water drainage system, help with carpentry projects, sudden automobile problems, etc.

I am suggesting that the Board, which too often is only seen negatively (re:EC&R's), begin a program where people sign up for their willingness to help with advice in their areas of special skills, as well as help with family emergencies and with a variety of circumstances where neighbors could assist. This could possibly be set up with street captains participating by taking the information to residents, explaining as needed, and later collecting the form. Please note your opinion on the tear-off on Page 5 and drop it in the community mailbox.



### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

SAMPLE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Care Areas where I could help or recommend reliable contractors: (please circle)

Carpentry   Painting   Landscaping   Plumbing   Electrical   Pool Care   Automobile   Sewing  
 Special meal preparation   Other: (write in)

Special Areas when needed: (please check)

- Emergency Transportation       Respite Care       Child Care
- Temporary Animal Care       Temporary Home Surveillance for "Snow Birds"
- Consultation and information re: community resources for special needs

Other (Write In) \_\_\_\_\_

### SWCHA Meeting

By Wallace Hewett

The South West County Homeowners Alliance met January 5, 2012. The speaker was Jon Thaxton who is now our County Commissioner for District 5. His topic was *The State of the County*. He covered the following topics:

#### Capital Improvement Projects:

Storm water improvement in the spring

Manasota Beach Project: includes a board walk, boat ramp and rest rooms

Traffic System: coordinated traffic lights mostly in the northern part of the County

Controversy over the County Administrator

River Road Project: foreclosures are holding up work planned for US41 and I75; the road from US41 to Winchester will be re-surfaced for now.

Mr. Thaxton introduced the new Commissioner, Christine Robinson, appointed to replace Shannon

Staub, who retired last year. He mentioned that Nora Patterson has three years to serve and will not seek re-election. They reported that the financial condition of the County is strong.

Next meeting is February 2nd at Olde Englewood Village Association at Green Street Church. The speaker will be Sheriff Tom Knight.

### GVE Web Site

The GVE web site continues to grow with enhancements constantly being added to improve its content and ease of use. If you haven't been there, you're missing out on many opportunities to keep up on GVE news, the Association Directory, want ads, products or services offered for sale, issues of the newsletter and even a link to FaceBook.

The Directory is far from complete because owners have not returned the Authorization Form. Even your name and address cannot be included unless you grant written permission. Please submit your Authorization Form to Keys-Caldwell. This Directory is password protected.

## Opinion Poll

### Neighbor Helping Neighbor Proposal—Page 4

Should the Board and Volunteers organize a group of residents who could offer assistance and/or advice to neighbors in need?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

Please place your response in the Community Mailbox next to the Bulletin Board on Pierce Drive or give to any Board member.



*Outstanding  
Christmas Display  
2011*



**Photos taken by  
Mike Shlasko**

