



The Gulf View

Garage Sale Great Success

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Spring Forward!

Remember to turn
clocks forward one hour
the evening of
March 10th!

Some events planned far in advance are not often as successful as the recent GVE Garage Sale on February 4th. The influx of traffic can be an inconvenience to residents, but volunteers did their best to keep some control over the confusion.

Part of that was brought about by the fact that many bargain hunters "hit" the GVE website before hitting the streets. They were provided up to date information as well as a map with directions to angle parking along Pierce Drive.

Donna Mills and Dora Jean Banes de-

serve a vote of thanks for organizing this event. It seemed a good year for people to clean out storage areas and rid their homes of unused articles from clothing to golf equipment. Cold drinks were offered for sale by some of the owners which was a welcome bonus to buyers making the rounds on a beautiful warm and sunny day.

There were a record number of owners participating this year. Donna and Dora Jean delivered \$120 to Treasurer, Dale Conant, after paying off the newspaper charges for advertising!

January 18th Board Meeting

The February 15th Board meeting took one hour and forty minutes. With all their ducks in a row, the Directors covered a full page of agenda items.

Management reported that only 8 letters went out last month mainly for minor repair needs. Residents are responding actively and promptly to requests.

One negative note: there are 5 homeowners who have not paid their Annual Fees. There are 5 homes in foreclosure, 2 in bankruptcy and 1 on a payment plan. That places a burden on the budget for 2012. Nonetheless, the Association is paying to have many of these properties mowed and otherwise cared for in order to maintain the value of all our

homes in Gulf View Estates.

The Board decided to investigate the possibility of hiring a security company in view of the current lack of cooperation among Association members.

Committee leaders are urged to attend the monthly meetings or send a report to update the Board on their activities.

The Board is now in need of two volunteer Directors with the recent resignations of Bob Kozuck and Duane Pilarski. See Page 3.

The next meeting of the GVE Board of Directors will be March 21 at 7:00 PM at Woodmere Park. All members are invited to attend.



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*May the road rise to meet you.
 May the wind be always at
 your back.
 May the sun shine warm upon
 your face.
 May the rains fall soft upon
 your fields and
 until we meet again, may the
 Lord
 hold you in the palm of his
 hand.*

2012 Board of Directors		
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Welcome Committee	Sandy Tustin	493-4734

SWCAHA MEETING

By Wallace Hewett

The guest speaker at the February meeting of the Southwest County Alliance of Homeowners Associations was Sarasota County Sheriff, Tom Knight. His presentation, as summed up below, was interesting and informative.

- Call 911 for emergencies only, but also don't hesitate to use **941-316-1201** to report questionable activities.
- The Sheriff's office has 989 employees; an \$86.4 million budget; 23 deputies per 1000 population; more than 800 volunteers, most of whom help in jails.
- 75% of those in jail are in for substance abuse.
- 60% of crimes are committed by 6% of the population.
- 4 patrol cars are equipped with Veri Plate system which gives rapid response for information on vehicles.
- Jail – moving inmates out much faster to government control.

- Had a large number of in-house type judgments on low security cases – a weekend in jail. Started for these low security inmates a program called Secure Offenders Work Program where they never serve time in jail, but work there and get time off for area cleanup work. Currently reviewing jail records to determine how to reduce the number of repeat offenders.
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The next meeting of the SWCAHA will be March 1 and the speaker is to be announced.

Sea Turtle Volunteers Needed!

Manasota Key is ground zero for Threatened Loggerhead Sea Turtle Nesting on the Gulf Coast. Train in the classroom and on the job for Florida Fish & Wild-protect Sea Turtle hatchlings on our hours/day, 2 or more early mornings/week, May 1 to October 31. Contact Mike or Andrea 493-3504.



Bits and Pieces

Calendar of Events

March 21

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

March 29

Community Dinner Night Out is scheduled at *Waterfrontoo*, 2205 North Tamiami Trail (US41), Nokomis. Please call Carol Armstrong for reservations 492-2965.

April 5

Ladies Luncheon is planned 12:00 noon at *White Elephant Pub*, 1855

Gulf Boulevard, Englewood. Please call Ceci Kueltzo, 496-4453, for reservations.

April 26

Community Dinner Night Out is at 5:30 PM at *Prime Time Steak & Spirits*, 5855 Placida Road, Englewood. Note the half hour difference in time and call Ceci Kueltzo for reservations at 496-4453.

Spring Cleaning!

It's the time of year for spring cleaning and those young weeds to sprout. The Management Company will be focusing on these items on their March neighborhood inspection.

Now is the time to power wash the gutters, A/C enclosures, driveways, etc. And it's always wise to spray or pull the weeds while they are small. For the most part, GVE looks fabulous.



Resigns from Board

After serving several terms as a member of Gulf View Estates Board of Directors, some as President, Duane Pilarowski has made the decision to resign.

He has served the community well and we wish him good health and good luck in whatever future endeavors he chooses to pursue.

Many thanks to those readers who submitted recipes for *Cook's Corner*. Since there has been minimal response to this experimental column. The recipe below is the final submission.

COOK'S CORNER

Clam Fritters

Pat DiFrancesca

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| 1 1/2 cups flour | 1 tsp. melted shortening |
| 2 tsp. baking powder | 1/2 cup clam juice |
| 1/2 tsp salt | 2 eggs, beaten |
| 1 can baby clams | Vegetable oil for frying |

Sift together all dry ingredients. Add clam juice, eggs and shortening. Add clams to batter. Using 1 teaspoon of batter for each fritter, fry in deep oil until golden brown..

Drain on paper towels and serve immediately.

**THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY
PLEASE PARTICIPATE!**

By Mike Shlasko

In last month's Newsletter there was an article by Bill Osborn titled "Neighbors Helping Neighbors". I'd like to thank those who responded to the attached form offering their help. There were 4 detailed responses. Three offered services ranging from cleaning our ponds to plumbing and electrical. The 4th response printed below I personally found quite disturbing, and it was of course anonymous:

"Everyone should mind their own business. This is not an Assisted Living Facility community!"

I cannot imagine what would prompt someone to take the time to respond with such a comment. The article spoke to the entire community about what it means to be a community. We are a diverse community ranging from young families with children to the retired and the elderly, from folks struggling in this economy to make ends meet to retired people lucky enough to have generous pensions. The form that was returned talked about Child Care for young families, Temporary Animal Care, Emergency Transportation, Skilled Trades, and yes Respite care. To receive only 4 responses out of our 368 homes was disappointing; that one of those responses was so crude was sad. I can only hope that we all know our neighbors, that we all help them when necessary, and that the lack of response was caused by a lack of need and that the one objectionable response was from someone who was just having one bad day.

I have been living here for 6 years, some working, some retired. I have watched a core group of about 3 dozen individuals, maybe 2 dozen households, work tirelessly to maintain our common areas, enforce our deed restrictions and thus preserve our property values, plan social events, volunteer for security patrols, and generally do what is necessary to keep this community functioning at a cost to our residents in association dues that is amongst the lowest in the area. We have approximately 750 residents that all benefit from the volunteer efforts of those few. Not surprisingly those few dozen people are for the most part retired but also quite active and astute and interested in reaching out to everyone in Gulf View Estates to make

this a great community to raise a family, or enjoy retirement.

To our younger residents with families specifically; I know that you are both working, that you are raising children, that you are probably struggling to make ends meet and don't even have time to think about that far off thing called retirement that some of us enjoy. I for one have been there and done that. But this is still your community, and it will be a better community for you and for your children if you find some time to participate.

Please visit our web site, "Like" our Facebook page, and if you cannot actively participate please at least let us, the few dozen, know how we can implement policies and programs that will benefit you and your family. When you see a questionnaire in your neighborhood newsletter, please take the time to respond, or visit our Facebook page and comment. If you have ideas, like Bill Osborn's Neighbors Helping Neighbors idea, feel free to send an article to Rose for potential inclusion in the next newsletter or if you can find the time, attend the next HOA Board Meeting or call or email members of the board. Help us to make Gulf View Estates a Community that we all can be proud to call our home.

GVE Website Continues to Grow

The response to information provided by the GVE website last month was an added value to the Garage Sale. It highlights the benefits of internet communication. Buyers came with advertisements and a map in hand which they had downloaded from the web site. It directed them to angle parking along Pierce Drive.

It is still surprising that only 133 households out of 378 have responded to the Directory Form request. The Directory is protected from internet access by anyone outside our community. A password is provided to residents.

Street Captains

It's difficult to track the changes taking place in our neighborhood. Street Captains are asked to be aware of residents moving in and out and to notify Sandy Tustin at 493-4734.