



# The Gulf View

## February Board Meeting

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The Board welcomed Rick Vohsberg back to fill a vacant seat for the remainder of the term and a new member, Beth Lamprecht was appointed.

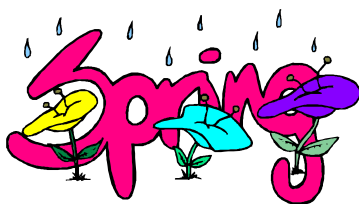
On a positive note, there are now 14 lot owners who have not paid their Annual Fee, down from 50 last month. One owner has been through the steps required to levy a fine for non-compliance with our EC&Rs. The Compliance Committee recommended they be fined and the Board approved \$100 per day beginning March 13.

The Board authorized 48 letters be sent out regarding the washing of driveways and buildings. It’s spring cleaning time

and the climate in our “paradise” does not make it easy. Most compliance letters get an immediate response and the neighborhood shows the results. It’s looking good!

The Board is hiring Consult Engineering to provide the Association with an evaluation of the current condition of the wall and recommendations to restore the wall to its original condition.

Please return the attached Opinion Poll form on Page 3 to the Community Mailbox or a Board member.



## SWCAHA Meeting

By Wallace Hewett

The Alliance meeting, held March 1, 2012, entertained speaker Jennifer Perry. Ms. Perry is Manager of the Elsie Quirk Library or, as one would say in the old days, Head Librarian.

It was a very informative and complete history of the Elsie Quirk Library with a rundown of the services available there, so many that I cannot list them all here.

The Lemon Bay League is being rejuvenated and the Alliance (since it was a co-founder) will support it. Its mission is the water quality of Lemon Bay. Godfrey Creek has been tested; report to be

issued. They will meet the 4th Friday of the month at 8:00 PM.

There is neighborhood grant money available, but remember, representatives of an Association requesting said money, must attend specific training classes.

The next Alliance meeting is on April 5, 2012, at Park Forest. John McCarthy, Director of Community Services, will be the speaker.

**The next meeting of the GVE Board of Directors is at 7:00 PM April 18, 2012, at Woodmere Park. All owners are invited to attend.**

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**Thought for the Day**

*To be moral is to do the right thing when no one is watching.*

<b>2012 Board of Directors</b>		
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Nominating	Dolly Lewis	493-2208
Security Patrol	Tina Glover	445-5636
Social Committee	Ruth Cress	493-0660
Street Capt. Coord.	Bill Osborn	496-7505
Welcome Committee	Sandy Tustin	493-4734

*From the President*

**Curious About our Landscaping?**

Among other things, I have frequently been asked what’s going on at our front entrance? Why no new flowers? Why is the grass looking dead? And so on. To begin with, our antiquated sprinkler system cannot support a lush lawn or shrubs outside the walls. Before we invest in any more plant material, we plan to address this issue. Once the increased demand of our seasonal population has subsided, contractors frequently are more prompt and less expensive. We will begin interviewing landscape irrigation companies soon. In addition, we are looking into a landscape plan that incorporates *Florida Friendly* plantings and mulch. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact me with your ideas.

**Notes from the President**

This is the time of year when many of our residents begin returning to their northern homes. Some have

already left us. What amazes me is the number of people who close their homes for the season and drive away without making provisions for the care and maintenance of their Florida residence. At the very least, a neighbor or friend should have a key and they should be walking through the home every couple weeks checking for potential problems. In addition, if you do not already have your own personal list of handy helpers, you should be taking a yellow pages or service directory from the newspaper so you will have someone to call as needs arise. More than once, I have received calls or letters from absentee homeowners who expect the Association to take care of issues when they receive a violation letter. Regardless of where you spend your time away from GVE, you are still responsible for the condition of your home and lot. Regrettably, the Association cannot accept the liability of supplying these services or even recommending service people or companies to our homeowners. We have tried to encourage people, within GVE, who provide maintenance or repair services to advertise on our web page classified section. I wish they would.

In the meantime, wherever you spend your summer, I hope it is filled with family and fun, laughter and happiness. Be safe till we see you next fall.

Respectfully,  
 Nanette Vuolo

# Bits and Pieces

## Calendar of Events

### April 18

The monthly meeting of *The Gulf View Estates Board* will be held at Woodmere Park at 7:00 PM. All Association members are welcome.

### May 3

Ladies Lunch will be at 12:00 noon at *Le Petit Jardin Café* located at 1500 East Venice Avenue. Please call hostess Linda Sussman, 408-9486, for reservations. You may contact Linda via email at [sussman.linda@gmail.com](mailto:sussman.linda@gmail.com).

### May 24

Community Dinner Night Out will be May 24 at 6:00 PM at *Hibachi*, 549 North Route 41By-Pass in the

Bird Bay Plaza near Big Lots.

Please call Linda Sussman at 408-9486 for reservations.

## Security News

By Tina Glover

It's good to be able to say February had no crime reported. We are sorely in need of volunteers for the citizen patrol. We'll happily take whatever time you can offer.

Detective Kathy Duff from the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department will attend the April meeting. Important contact numbers have been put on the web site. Only one bid was received from professional security firms because the two-day/four hour per day request is not

within most companies parameters. The one bid received would cost the Association more that \$5,000 per year.

Our neighborhood is certainly worth a couple hours of residents' volunteer time.



Please contact me at 445-5636 to be scheduled for patrol.

## Opinion Poll

Would you favor creation of an **Annual Fishing Derby**, certainly for the kids, possibly for the adults? Prizes by age category for first fish, most fish, largest fish. Venue: the ponds along Pierce Drive.

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

Would you favor having a **Community Block Party**?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Street Captains Come Through

By Mike Shlasko

Linda Sussman, Board of Directors Secretary, and Bill Osborn, Chairman of the Street Captains coordinated a meeting of the Street Captains. They initiated a face to face drive to obtain authorizations for listing in our Directory.

The directories on the web site have been updated and we now have 199 residents who have authorized publication! The vast majority of the 70+ new forms that have resulted from your campaign included not only phone numbers, but also email addresses. The database is now updated with dozens of changes to phone numbers, residents and owners.

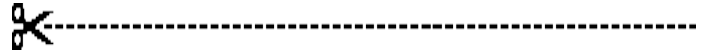
Some number of additional forms will filter in over the next month as a result of this campaign so the response should stand at approximately 60% by the next Board meeting.

The Street Captains really came through. Many thanks to them and to Bill and Linda!



### Contact Keys-Caldwell

Members of the Board have received requests for contact information for our management company, Keys-Caldwell, Inc. Please see below a list that can be cut out and kept for your records:

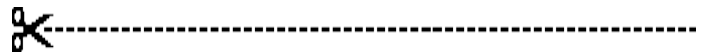


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Suggestions or concerns are to be submitted in writing, signed and placed in the community mailbox at the corner of Pierce Drive and Madison Road. They are collected once a week by our Property Manager.