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Concerns

If you observe a problem or have a complaint, please submit it in writing; signed and put it in the community mail box at the corner of Washington and Madison Roads Submissions are collected once a week by the Property Manager. It will be logged in by Keys-Caldwell and transmitted to the board of directors. At all times your privacy will be protected and you will remain anonymous. You may also call Keys-Caldwell at the number below.

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The Gulf View

Board Meeting September 12 Presentation by Sarasota County Pond Erosion Control / Beautification

By Mike Shlasko

Many of you have noticed that our walls are in need of repair and repainting. You may also have heard that your Board has been evaluating not only the condition of the walls themselves but also the erosion along the pond banks that eventually will threaten to undermine the foundation of the walls.

This spring the board hired an engineering firm to review both of these issues and make recommendations. Based upon the engineers report the Board has obtained multiple bids for repair of the wall prior to repainting and we anticipate that the work will commence early in 2013. Also, based upon the engineers report, members of the Board and our Property Manager, Keys-Caldwell, have met with the Sarasota County officials responsible for our retention ponds. As a result of those meetings including on-site review by the county, it has been recommended that we undertake a project to naturalize our pond banks to stop and ultimately reverse the erosion that we have been experiencing.

On Wednesday, September 12, Rob Wright, who runs the Sarasota County NEST Program (Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team), will be visiting with us to do a formal presentation on steps that we should take to eliminate our pond erosion problems. If you are interested in this project we encourage you to attend this meeting or visit the NEST web site at: http://www.sarasota.wateratlas.usf.edu/nest/

Residents should not have concerns about costs associated with these projects as our reserve and operating funds are more than sufficient to undertake both the erosion control and wall repair projects.

Message from the President

By Nanette Vuolo

We began this year with a very aggressive agenda of projects we hoped to complete by year's end. As the saying goes, "best laid plans...." It seems that each item on our list was met with a requirement for something else to be done first. Since we want things done right, we have to start at the beginning. Our VP, Mike Shlasko, is working closely with the county to gain their cooperation and assistance. We should all be appreciative of the untold hours he has put into this lengthy process. We also have bids from independent contractors for some of the work. Limited homeowner participation may be required, so I hope you all pitch in for the planned improvements to our community.

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Many of you already know that Wayne and I are in the process of purchasing a home in another Venice community. I will still be a GVE homeowner for the remainder of this year. I truly care about GVE and our many friends here; and I intend to finish some of the projects we started this year and one in particular that we have been working on for 3 years. That project is the reorganization and updating of our EC&R's.

The new version will be broken down into *Articles* and have an index to make it easier to locate the topics you wish to review. Most of the paragraphs, though relocated, retain their original wording, with spelling and grammar corrections. Some changes are in keeping with the most recent State Statutes governing homeowner associations. Some contain slight rewording for continuity throughout the document or to clarify what we feel was the original intent.

In these tough economic times, we have seen an increase in investor owned rental properties. In an effort to retain or improve our property values, we are inserting a section requiring a rental application that spells out how many rental tenants may inhabit a home, and the rules they must follow. You should have the completed version of these EC&Rs to vote on at our Annual Meeting in December. If you would like to express your opinion on this (or any) topic, please plan to attend the September 12th, or the October 21st HOA Board Meeting.

Respectfully,

Nanette Vuolo

Social Committee Events

September 6

Ladies Luncheon Allegro Bistro, 1740 E Venice Ave Contact Dolly Lewis for Reservations 493-2208

September 27

Community Dinner Rosebud's Steak & Seafood, Osprey Contact Linda Sussman for Reservations 408-9486

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