



The Gulf View

Board Meeting September 12

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Remember to change clocks back one hour Sunday, November 4.

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In order to keep all our residents up to date on events and projects within our Association, the following is a reprint of the front page article from the September newsletter issued 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 re-

view 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.



The next meeting of the GVE Board of Directors will be held October 17, 7:00 PM at Woodmere Park.

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Thought for the Day

“The real things haven’t changed. It is still best to be honest and truthful, to make the most of what we have; to be happy with simple pleasures; and have courage when things go wrong.”

~ Laura Ingalls Wilder

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The following article is reprinted from the September issue to update Association members who were away for the summer:

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. Out 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.

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 October 17th HOA Board Meeting.

Bits and Pieces

Calendar of Events

October 17

GVE Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM at Woodmere Park. All members of the Association are invited to attend.

October 25

The Community Dinner Night Out has been arranged for 6:00 PM by your hostess, Lyn McConnell, at *The Gulf View Grill*, 2095 North Beach Road, overlooking Englewood Beach. Please call Lynn for reservations at 496-8687.

November 1

The Ladies Luncheon is at *The Gulf View Grill*, 2095 North Beach Road, Englewood, at 12:00 noon. Please call your hostess, Barbara Kopp, at 493-3735 for reservations.

November 4

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time changes Sunday, November 4. Bedtime Saturday evening is a good time to set all clocks back one hour.

Ongoing Association News

To apply for Sarasota grants to aid in current projects on the wall and the ponds, two members of the Association attended training workshops. Andrea Shlasko and John Cannon are now certified to prepare grant applications. The wall along SR776 will be repaired and the erosion along the ponds will be addressed. Some of these projects may qualify for environmental improvement and beautification money from the County.

Other issues include a proposed change to the EC&Rs regarding rentals in the neighborhood (see *From the President* on Page 2.) The Board took on a monumental amount of work over the summer and needs more volunteers to help. You are all urged to offer whatever help you can to keep the beauty and value of our properties in GVE.

For further information on these projects and other Association business, please plan to attend the Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, October 17th.

My sincere thanks to VP Mike Shlasko who produced the September issue of *The Gulf View*. The Editor

GVE's Loss

After several months of illness, Bill Cress passed away October 5th. He and his wife, Ruth, moved to Gulf View Estates in June 2007 and became active members of our Association.

They both contributed their time to the Annual Picnic, the monthly luncheons and dinners and to the holiday decorations at the entrance. Bill organized the R.O.M.E.O. club—Retired Old Men Dining Out. If you ever had the good luck to hear him sing, you would remember his wonderful voice which was often heard at the Colonial Baptist Church

Our condolences to Ruth and family. He will be missed.

Lookin' Good!

On the positive side, lots of refurbishing is going on around the development. Roofs are being replaced. Lawns are being upgraded. Driveways are being power washed or painted; pool cages rescreened. It is very gratifying to drive through and note the obvious care being given the properties here. All of this adds to the appeal of Gulf View Estates.