



# The Gulf View

## Next Board Meeting Nov. 7

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The usual third Wednesday meeting date falls the evening before Thanksgiving. To accommodate the room rental and peoples' schedules it will be held November 7th.

The Board has three projects underway, one of which is changes to the EC&Rs that will be presented for membership vote at the Annual Meeting December 5.

Look for your packet mailed out by Keys-Caldwell.

The second one involves repair and painting of the wall fronting SR776 which will begin shortly and be finished before Christmas. It will include filling cracks, applying appropriate water resistant paint and covering the top with a

slightly convex surface designed to shed water. The Board has established a maintenance program every five years to prevent the full-scale work now needed.

The third project is prevention of bank erosion along the ponds with the help of experts from the County and possible grant money. This Shoreline Restoration explores ways to make our neighborhood a better place for people, wildlife and our water resources.

**For further details on these projects, plan to attend the Board meeting on Wednesday, November 7th, 7:00 PM at Woodmere Park.**



## Restoration of Walls to Begin

By Michael Shlasko

Please bear with us over the next few weeks as our project to restore our front walls begins. Beginning immediately you will notice that we are trimming, in some cases severely, the vegetation on the outside of the front walls. That will allow the pressure washing crew to come in, on or about November 2, to clean the walls. After they have dried for a few days our Stucco contractor will get to work. He will be repairing large cracks, replacing de-bonded stucco, and adding a slightly rounded stucco cap to

the top of the wall to allow the rain to drain off instead of seep into the architectural foam and underlying block wall. There will then be about a two-week pause as the stucco is allowed to cure before our painters begin. Following a specification prepared by Sherwin Williams with quality control both by Sherwin Williams and our resident expert Tom Lamprecht, you will first see a layer of sealer applied to the new stucco followed by a layer of sealer which will be applied to the entire wall. Hairline

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**Thought for the Day**

*“People have been known to achieve more as a result of working with others than against them.”*

~~ Dr. Allan Fromme

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cracks will be sealed and then two different types of paint will be applied, one to the walls and columns and a different and much thicker material to the top Styrofoam cap. Painting will take about 3 weeks.

Weather permitting we are targeting this project for completion on or about December 14, in time for Christmas!

This project is being funded out of our wall reserve fund and a plan has now been put in place to repair and repaint the wall every 5 years.

**Pond Shoreline Project Update**

By Michael Shlasko

Sometime in the next several weeks we will be starting the initial phase of our pond shoreline restoration and erosion control project. You will first notice a concerted effort to remove large numbers of Tilapia from our ponds. This will be done with nets taking care to remove only the Tilapia. These fish must be removed before we begin large scale planting because they will feed on the new vegetation.

Before the end of the year you may also notice the planting of a small bed of aquatic plants in an area on the Adams Road pond shoreline. This test bed is designed to make sure that the plants that we have selected will thrive in our environment and that enough

Tilapia have been removed to give them an opportunity to become established. Large scale planting is scheduled to begin in March or April after this initial preparatory work.

This project is being funded by Operating Account balances and we hope that some of the cost will be offset by Sarasota County Neighborhood Grants for which we are applying.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**Please note** the new location for our Annual Meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be looking for you at the **Venice Community Center (on the island) 326 S. Nokomis Avenue**. Parking shouldn't be an issue this year. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. the Meeting at 7:00 p.m. There will be a brief break for coffee and cookies while the votes are tallied. We must be out by 9:30 PM so your early arrival will be greatly appreciated.

You will soon be receiving your Annual Meeting packets in the mail. There are three important items for you to consider this year: First, election of the new board members, Second, approval of the budget for 2013, and Third, approval of the newly reorganized and updated EC&Rs. Our attorneys advise us that this last item is long overdue.

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# Bits and Pieces

## Calendar of Events

### November 7

GVE Board Meeting, Woodmere Park at 7:00 PM. All Association members are invited to attend.

### November 24

Christmas Decorations! Volunteers will meet at 9:00 AM. See article on this page.

### November 29

Community Dinner Night Out is scheduled for *Prime Time Steak & Spirits, 5855 Placida Road, Englewood*, at 6:00 PM. Please call your hostess, Helen Fleahman, for reservations at 493-0931.

### December 5

The Annual GVE Homeowners Meeting will be held at The Venice Community Center (on the island), 326 S. Nokomis Avenue.

December 6th Lunch and December 27th Dinner will be hosted by Ceci Kuelto. Please call her at 496-4453 for information on the plans and to make reservations.

## Christmas Decorations

By Charles Conant



We plan on putting up the Christmas lights on the 24th of November. If you would like to help, we

need you; more hands the quicker we finish. If you would like to help call Bonnie Conant at 497-5965, and get your name on the list. If you have a few hours on that date then just show up at the GVE entrance. We will be starting at 9:00 AM. There will be coffee and donuts provided for all the helpers. Let's make the entrance to Gulf View Estates light up for Christmas.

### Compliance Procedure Error

On October 19, poor communication between the HOA and our management company, Keys-Caldwell, resulted in a small number of erroneous EC&R violation letters being sent to homeowners. The source of the problem has been identified, impacted owners contacted, and procedures modified to make sure that this problem does not re-occur.

### An Observation

The business discussed at monthly Board meetings usually requires approximately two hours and is run according to Robert's Rules of Order. It seems the more people who attend, the longer it takes.

All homeowners are invited to attend these meetings, but are only observers until such time as the President acknowledges them and gives permission to speak. Interruptions, comments and chatter during the proceedings are only disrupting and prolonging the meetings.

The floor is opened by the President at the end of the Board meet-

ing when all business on the agenda has been finished. At that time anyone in attendance may raise a hand and ask to be heard. It is a matter of good manners and respect for the Board.

### Dolly Lewis Retires

After 29 years of service to the Gulf View Estates community, Dolly Lewis is passing her baton. She and her husband, the late Duane Lewis, served in a number of capacities ever since they moved here in 1983.

Dolly was one of the Association's first Presidents when the owners were still working with the developer. Meetings were held at her home.

Since that early time, she helped with secretarial duties, managed the GVE entrance transformation to what you see now. She was responsible for the palms planted along Pierce Drive, even recruiting homeowners to water them the first few weeks. An avid gardener, she even carried water personally to flowers planted in various public areas.

Her latest contribution has been the search for members to serve on the Board. Each year she manages to come up with a full roster of candidates as she has this year.

You know the verse: "Make new friends, but keep the old; some are silver and the others gold." Dolly is one of the "gold" ones.



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Keep in mind that all Board and Committee members are volunteers from GVE. They put in untold hours, days, and even years working on projects to maintain and improve the community for all of us.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, you should be seeing some improvements to our front entrance.

Contractors have been hired to power wash our walls, repair the stucco, and paint it. How nice it will be to come home to this fresh new look.

Mike Shlasko and his committee members are still working out the final details for the county grant for our pond restoration project. We thank you for your support and hope that an overwhelming number of you show up for the planting days planned for 2013. Watch the newsletter or check the web page for details. I, for one, can't wait to see how it turns out.

As always, we invite you to visit with us about the things you'd like to see happening in GVE. Even if you are unable to volunteer, we welcome your ideas, and suggestions. See you on December 5<sup>th</sup>!

### Background Check Your Contractors

We have many very qualified contractors large and small involved in helping us to maintain our yards and homes. Unfortunately we have had complaints from some residents that some individuals who are seeking to deliver maintenance services in the community may not have the most desirable backgrounds, have been seen trespassing on properties that they are not maintaining, and generally have been making some of our



residents feel uncomfortable. Before you hire a contractor for any job, no matter how small, do the right thing, ask around and get references. Your diligence up front will protect you and the entire community from potentially unscrupulous individuals.

### Resident Consultant

We are very fortunate to have a professional Residential Project Manager in our midst. Tom Lamprecht has contributed his expertise to the wall and pond projects in GVE. He has made contact with many local contractors over the years and has been able to recommend to the Board those he has found reasonable and reliable.

We need more volunteers like Tom who have a vested interest in the welfare of Gulf View Estates.

### GVE Web Site

The GVE web site is still evolving. It is being accessed by more members, but there is so much more potential for growth. You are urged to go to [gulfview-estates.com](http://gulfview-estates.com) and see for yourself. It is a terrific source of general information about our community and of personal use for advertising or finding items you have for sale or are trying to find.

There is still not 100% participation in the Association Directory. If you wish to be included, please fill out and return to Michael Shlasko the form required by law. This listing is electronically protected, but you must determine exactly what information you wish to have included.



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.

**Elder Affairs Update** for Florida residents is available online. You may subscribe to it at the following address: [http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/elder\\_update.php](http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/doea/elder_update.php)