



The Gulf View

Pond Planting March 16

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The newsletter has been keeping you up to date on the pond restoration project for several months and the date is now set for March 16.

Sarasota County provides matching grant money for such projects and GVE residents succeeded in getting it approved. See Page 5 of the January 2013 issue of *The Gulf View* for details.

West Coast Lake and Wetland Management is contracted to guide and assist with the restoration. Some of the tilapia, which populate the ponds in large numbers, have been removed. They feast on the aquatic plants

which are needed to prevent erosion of the banks.

There has been enthusiastic support of this endeavor, thanks to all the owners who signed up to work on everything from the paperwork for the grant, to hiring a contractor, to volunteering for the actual labor.

All that is needed is for as many volunteers as possible to show up at the entrance at 9:00 AM Saturday morning with water shoes, boots, shovels and a willingness to help preserve the ponds of Gulf View Estates.



News from Community Outreach

By Stacey Schwartz

This recently formed function has you, the residents, in mind. Gulf View Estates is a wonderful community and we call upon you to make it even better.

For some time there has been talk about developing a "Services and Special Interests Directory". This provides a list of services our very own residents offer. You may hire your neighbor to do work for you such as landscaping, painting, computer work, etc. Perhaps a resident wishes to offer their time in teaching you a special hobby. We have so much

talent in our community yet many don't know their neighbors well enough or are unaware of the skills residents offer. Your input, suggestions and involvement are always welcome. See the letter from Bill Osborn on Page 2.

The next meeting of the GVE Board of Directors will be held at the Jacaranda Library March 21, 2013, at 1:30 PM. The Board's intention is to make their meetings more convenient and accessible to all members.

Please plan to attend.

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Thought for the Day

“March is a tomboy with tousled hair, a mischievous smile, mud on her shoes and a laugh in her voice.”

~~ Hal Borland

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What is a Community ?

By Bill Osborn

According to Webster, it's "people with common interests, living in a particular area", or "an interacting population of various kinds of individuals in a common location". We might ask, "what are our common interests, how do we interact, and what various kinds of individuals live in Gulf View Estates?"

A new Community Outreach Committee has been formed, which in a way, is an attempt to explore and support our "common interests", to provide ways to interact positively with each other and to appreciate and benefit from the wealth of knowledge, experience, and skills that residents bring to our community.

There are many ways to work on this "Community Outreach". One might be to develop a "Service and Special Interests Directory" that provides a listing of residents' skills they offer in their working life,

such as servicing computers, wallpaper hanging, landscape planning, and many others so that we could hire our neighbors for household help rather than going outside. We could also let each other know about special hobbies and interests that we might want to learn about or join in developing.

These are just some of the ideas we might explore to make life in Gulf View Estates an even finer community experience. We welcome residents reactions and suggestions.

Editor's note: It is undecided whether an "Exchange of Services Directory" would be on a for-hire or volunteer basis.

Resignation

We regret that former Vice President, Beth Lamprecht, has announced her resignation from the Board of Directors, effective March 13, 2013.

Her withdrawal is a loss to the community. We sincerely wish her all good things in the future and thank her for her many contributions to the welfare and betterment of our neighborhood.

February Garage Sale Report

By Linda Sussman

We had a successful Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, February 16, 2013. We had a total of 64 households participate. Each one contributed \$3.00 that was collected the morning of the sale. The weather was cool, but comfortable, and as usual many people started arriving well before the 9:00 AM official start.

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Bits and Pieces

Calendar of Events

March 16

Pond Restoration Project volunteers are asked to report at 9:00 AM Saturday morning at the entrance.

March 21

The monthly Board Meeting is at *Jacaranda Library*, 1:30 PM.

March 28

The Community Dinner Night Out will be hosted by Ruth Cress at *Howard's Restaurant*, 1400 Aqua View Lane off SR776 in Englewood at 6:00 PM. Please call Ruth at 493-0660 for reservations.

April 4

The Ladies Luncheon, hosted by Barbara Kopp, will be held at *Stephano's Family Restaurant*, 401 Indiana Avenue S in Englewood, at 12:00 noon.

Please call Barbara at 493-3735 to make reservations.

April 25

Community Dinner Night Out is set for *Gulfview Grill*, 2095 N. Beach Road, Englewood, at 6:00 PM. Please call your hostess, Ruth Cress, at 493-0660 for reservations.



Notes from Board Meeting

The new Street Captain for Wilson Road is Christine Uttaro.

Beth Delp has volunteered to join the Welcome Committee. They have called on 11 new families since last fall and the New Neighbors column in *The Gulf View* will be reinstated.

Pat Comeau has joined the Landscaping Committee, chaired by Danielle Jaeger.

Tina Glover noted that there were no incidents reported recently either to her or to the Sheriff's office.

The majority of owners receiving letters regarding compliance with the EC&Rs are responding in a positive way. Note all the new roofing, painting and driveway improvements being made this Spring.

A new volunteer is now needed for a vacant position on the Board. If you are interested, please contact any one of the Board of Directors.

Pennington Place, to our West, is removing Brazilian Pepper plants along the pond which will reduce the buffer between the developments. They will need to restore a reasonable buffer per County Ordinance.

The Gulf View newsletter, available on the GVE website, will now be delivered only to those who do not

request a copy by email. Please let Sunstate Management know if you would like it via email. Those who prefer the hard copy will continue to receive it delivered to your door.



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We collected \$192. Expenses amounted to \$276.50. Since this is the first time we have had a police detail, which was the reason for raising the participation to \$3.00, it may be necessary to consider raising the fee next year.

Although there is always a problem, especially at the beginning with traffic and parking, most participants felt that having the police presence was a good thing. We would like more opinions before next year.



GVE Garage Sale 2008

SCAHA Meeting

By Wallace Hewett

The monthly meeting of the South County Alliance of Homeowners Associations was held at Foxboro February 14. The speaker was Elaine Morris.

She covered the 6-year history of the Dearborn Street activity for Water Containment and Purification going into Lemon Bay. They are working with a low impact design system, the first in the area, making Dearborn a *green* area. The plan includes a Farmer's Market, more parking and more sidewalks as well. The work will be done by the end of the year as will the Veterans Memorial on the water at the end of the street.

Storm and Road development approved for 75 new homes.

May 13, 2013, is the deadline for Sarasota County Grants to Neighborhood Beautification.

The County is offering a course in "Sarasota County 101".

Two Associations, members of the Alliance, are experiencing a problem with squatters.

Citizens is dropping insurance on Association buildings.

The next meeting of the Alliance will be at Boca Royale on March 14th at 9:00 AM. The speaker will be from the Englewood Water District (Quality and Quantity). This meeting will be followed by the President's Luncheon featuring the County Administrator as speaker. A flyer was sent to Association presidents.



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

The graphic above ran in *The Gulf View* for many years until the bubble burst in 2008 and the turnover of homes in GVE decreased to zero.

We would like to reinstate this feature. If you have moved to GVE in the past six months, please contact the newsletter Editor by phone or email and let us know what information you would like published. In the past it had included only the names of owners with their address and phone number. It has been suggested that one's northern origins be included so members can identify new arrivals from their home states.

We invite you to submit articles describing your background and how you came to own or rent in Gulf View Estates. If you have special interests, there may be others here who share them—gardening, cards, board games, walking, running, horse shoes, bicycling, chess, sewing, knitting—the list is endless. Question or input? Send to the Editor either by phone or email. Address and number appear on Page 2 of *The Gulf View* newsletter.