



# The Gulf View

## GREAT DAY FOR GVE PONDS

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A beautiful day! A great success!

Twenty seven volunteers reported to the GVE entrance Saturday, March 16, and placed 2,500 aquatic plants along the banks of the ponds.

Two representatives from West Coast Lake and Wetland Management divided them into teams of four: two who waded into the ponds with spades to ready the holes; one to move the four types of color coded plants from the staging area to the planters and one to coordinate them according to the plans provided. It sounds a little complicated, but the preparation was thorough and once the teams were apprised of the procedures, it went along so well that they managed to complete 1,000 feet along the pond

banks. Some were willing to get their clothes wet; some ran back and forth with the appropriate plants; some were on “alligator watch” and some sat as “sidewalk superintendents” providing bottles of water and cookies to the workers thanks to the two ladies who brought the goodies. It takes all kinds of volunteers to accomplish such a large undertaking and there was a remarkable response from residents. Thank you!

The entire project was well organized; the results extraordinary. GVE will probably realize a sizable reimbursement from the Sarasota County Beautification grant fund.

See Page 4 for photos of the great job these work crews did.



## Annual Fees Unpaid

Gulf View Estates is a beautiful, dynamic community including people from many walks of life. It is well run by an elected Board of Directors who plan carefully to retain and preserve the integrity of the Association and the atmosphere of the community.

Other developments in the Venice area may be larger, provide pools, club houses and other amenities, but only in GVE can you find a real neighborhood of diverse residents from young families to retirees, populated with children, bicycles, walkers, runners, school buses and dogs. If this is the way of life you

chose when you moved here, then you also know that our annual fee is very affordable, only \$190 per year as opposed to \$800+ per month in some communities.

Yet there are 19 unpaid accounts as of March, four of which have been forwarded to the Association lawyer’s office for legal action. Some of these unpaid debts go back previous years.

It can become very costly to you to involve a lawyer’s fees plus fines and ultimately a lien on your property.



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**Thought for the Day**

*“Republicans believe every day is the Fourth of July, but the Democrats believe every day is April 15.”*

~~ Ronald Reagan

**2013 Board of Directors**

President	Michael Shlasko	493-3504
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Street Capt. Coord.	Bill Osborn	496-7505
Community Outreach	Stacey Schwartz	441-5500

**SCAHA March Meeting**

By Mike Shlasko for Wallace Hewett

The March business meeting of the Alliance featured a speaker from the Englewood Water District which while informative was not relevant to the residents of Gulf View Estates as we are in the Sarasota County Water District.

The Presidents Lunch which followed was attended by County Administrator Randall Reid who was the featured speaker as well as by County Commissioners Nora Patterson and Christine Robinson. Charles Hines who represents the South county area including Gulf View did not attend. Approximately 30 residents of Alliance Communities attended representing a majority of the 22 Associations in the Alliance.

Administrator Reid spent a great deal of time reviewing his diverse background and commenting upon the current and historic quality of the governance in Sarasota County and the importance of long range planning, economic development, maintenance of the social safety net, protection of our environment and a strong tax base. I personally came away with the impression that we have a very strong County Administrator who in his first year has developed an excellent understanding of our County and who can call upon a lifelong career in Public Administration to help move Sarasota County forward.

The next meeting will take place on April 11 at 9AM.

**Doggie Toilets?**

There are several areas of common property within GVE that are being used as “doggie toilets”. The offenders need to know that they are being watched. One dog walker comes out after dark to the grassy area along Pierce Drive.

If you care about your animal, you should also be responsible for it and that means cleaning up after it.

Anyone who sees a dog owner leaving a mess anywhere in the neighborhood should report it to a member of the Board and to the Sarasota County Code Enforcement. There is not only a rule against it in GVE “Easements, Covenants & Restrictions, Article III, Section 7(B)”, but it is a County ordinance as well.

**Trash at the Curb**

Neighbors do not want to look at anyone’s trash sitting at the curb for a week. The GVE Easements, Covenants & Restrictions cover this issue explicitly in “Article III, Section 2, Trash Collection”. No trash may be placed at the curb before 5:00 PM the evening before collection. Containers must be retrieved by 7:00 PM on collection day. This rule includes all landscape debris some of which can be taken away by your landscaper.



# Bits and Pieces

## Calendar of Events

### April 18

GVE Board Meeting is scheduled for 1:30 PM at the *Jacaranda Library*. All residents are invited to attend. The Agenda will be posted on the GVE website.

### April 25

Community Dinner Night Out is set for *Gulfview Grill*, 2095 Beach Road, Englewood, at 6:00 PM. Please call your hostess, Ruth Cress, at 492-0660 for reservations.



### May 2

Ladies Luncheon is set for *Boca Royale Golf & Country Club*, 1601 Englewood Road (SR776) in Englewood, at 12:00 noon. Please call your hostess, Carole Armstrong at 493-2965, for reservations.

### May 23

Community Dinner Night Out will be served at *LaStanza*, 285 W. Dearborn Street in Englewood at 6:00 PM. Carole Armstrong is accepting reservations at 493-2965.

## Teamwork

There is a something brand new about the bulletin board at the corner of Madison and Pierce!

Ed Kowalski, our resident engineer and maintenance person, teamed up with John Cannon to custom build a new door complete with paint and Plexiglas. It is a major improvement.

Many thanks to Ed and John for their hours of volunteer work. Hopefully, the ant colony won't set up shop in there any time soon!

## Positions Open

The Board is in need of a seventh member to serve out the 2013 year. If you are interested or know someone who would be a good candidate, please contact any Board member.

Also needed are recruits for the Nominating Committee and an Events Committee Chair.

It's Spring. GVE is showing signs of growth. Flowers are blooming; repairs and updates are flourishing; new owners are moving in. It's a great time to take advantage of your vested interest in this community. Please think about volunteering to help keep it "a great place to live".



## Welcome New Neighbors

Dan and Marianne Degnan, 1498 Roosevelt Drive, arrived on the sun coast from the Albany, New York area and chose their retirement home in Gulf View Estates.

If you are a new resident or know of others who are, please call or email your Editor with names, addresses and phone numbers. The phone numbers will be used only to gain permission to print the information in *The Gulf View*.



Sunstate Manager, Lynn Lakel, received this email from a Wisconsin resident upon receiving a copy of *The Gulf View*:

*"Thank you. We love receiving it electronically (here in WI, where the temp is in the 20s-yuck!) Enjoyed being in GVE for the rummage. Found lots of goodies :)"*



**27 VOLUNTEERS!**

**2500 AQUATIC PLANTS!!**

**1000 FEET OF SHORELINE  
PLANTED!!!**

**TEAMS OF FOUR WORKED 4 DIFFERENT  
AREAS OF THE SHORELINE**



Pictures compliments of  
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