



# The Gulf View

## February Board Meeting

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There have been approximately 9 homes sold in GVE over the last three months. It highlights the positive direction of the real estate market.

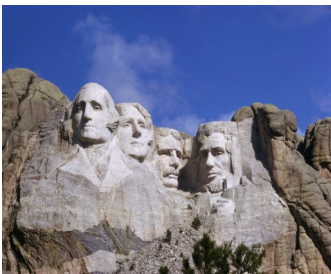
Plans are progressing for the enhancement of the front entrance. Bids are in and the Landscape Committee received a nod from the Board to go ahead and choose a vendor. Some of the old vegetation has already been removed.

On the negative side there are about 20 owners who have not paid their annual fee. If they are not forthcoming by

March 1st, 60 days overdue, procrastinators can expect to pay late fees. Do not place your payment in the GVE mailbox by the bulletin board. It is not a USPS box; it is not secure and is picked up only once a week.

At least two owners consistently disregard the EC&R rules regarding dogs. One incident caused Animal Control authorities to be called to the scene. An unusual case of deliberate trespass was also reported.

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**PRESIDENTS DAY**  
**FEBRUARY 17, 2014**

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## Annual Garage Sale

By Linda Sussman

A very special thank you goes to Ceci Kuelzo for all her organization and hard work on the Annual Garage Sale held on Saturday, January 25. We had 68 homes participating at a cost of \$2.00 each. Income was \$136.00 and our expenses totaling \$72.08 paid the \$20 charge for the ad in the Herald Tribune and \$50.08 for the Gondolier. I am turning over a check to GVE for \$64 and respectfully suggest that it be earmarked for our next picnic.

Part of the reason for our surplus was the Board's decision not to hire police officers this year. It was the right decision. The roads, especially near the entrance were crowded, but no worse than

in the past when we had officers stationed. Perhaps it was because according to some residents, we did not have as many shoppers this year. There were a number of other sales on the same day, including one at Ventura Village.

There were some questions raised at the February Board meeting about whether or not Gulf View Estates should have an annual garage sale with all the traffic and hassle for property owners and visitors not involved in the event. This should be a topic for discussion during the upcoming year with input pro and con. Another suggestion was that if we go on with the sale we also arrange for a charity pick-up late in the afternoon for those who had things they didn't sell, but no longer want to keep. See Page 4.

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**Thought for the Day**

*“The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired, in value.”*

~~ Theodore Roosevelt

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**From the President**

**REMINDER - SPEED LIMIT IS 25MPH!**

Dear Concerned Neighbor,

Thank you for placing an anonymous letter in the GVE Mailbox about the Speed Limit. Several thoughts come to mind in reading your letter.

- 1) The Speed Limit set by Sarasota County for Gulf View's Public roads is 25mph and fortunately most residents and visitors do obey that limit.
- 2) Policing Speed Limit Violations on our Public roads is the responsibility of the Sarasota County Sheriff, not your Homeowners Association. If you have residents of your street (unnamed) that continually drive at 40mph I would first suggest that you discuss your concern with them as neighbors. If that does not work please call the non-emergency number for the Sarasota County Sheriff.
- 3) Over the years many GVE HOA Boards have spent countless hours trying to get the county to lower the speed limit or install speed bumps. County DOT traffic studies did not justify any of these actions.
- 4) Driving significantly below the legal speed limit can also be dangerous and in some cases illegal and if people are constantly tailgating you please consider this fact.

In my time on your HOA Board we have typically received one or two complaints/year about speeding. Considering that we have about 800 cars owned by community residents, that volume of complaints, especially anonymous complaints, does not appear to indicate that we have a significant problem. It is also extremely rare to have a traffic accident within this community. I personally think that 25mph is a good speed limit for Gulf View Estates.

Regards, Mike Shlasko

## Bits and Pieces

### Calendar of Events

#### March 5

Ladies Luncheon is planned for 12:00 noon at *Eggstraordinary*, located in the same building as Mama Leone's at 2300 Tamiami Trail in Nokomis. Your hostess, Carole Armstrong, will be accepting reservations at 493-2965.

#### March 19

*The next meeting of the GVE Board of Directors is March 19th, 2:00 PM at the Jacaranda Library.*

#### March 27

Community Dinner Night Out will be at *Lastanza Ristorante*, 285 W. Dearborn Street, Englewood, at 6:00 PM. Please call Carole Armstrong at 493-2965 for your reservation.

#### April 3

Ladies Luncheon has been arranged at *Norma Jean's*, 1635 US41 Bypass, Venice, at 12:00 noon. Your hostess, Ceci Kueltzo, will accept reservations at 496-4453.

#### April 24

Community Dinner Night Out will be held at *Prime Time*, 5855 Placida Road, Englewood, at 5:30 PM. Please note the earlier time and remember to call Ceci Kueltzo, 496-4453, to reserve your place.

### GVE's Loss

A well-loved and respected member of our community, Ruth Cress passed away peacefully in Hospice of Cincinnati February 4th.

She was an active participant in neighborhood affairs and chaired the Social Committee for several years. She was often the first to volunteer for events such as the annual picnic and the pond planting project. Her husband, Bill, was the organizer of the R.O.M.E.O. group: Retired Old Men Eating Out.

No memorial service is planned at this time, but donations may be made in Ruth's name to either The Shriners Hospital for Children in Cincinnati or Hospice of Cincinnati.

Condolences may be sent to either of her daughters: Karen Bauer, 8706 Decima Street, Cincinnati, OH 45242 or Dana Garvin, 6592 Miami Trails Drive, Loveland, OH 45140



A young girl and an adult male were observed recently chasing each other between homes on Jackson and Monroe Roads. Two days later they were back and climbing a tree to retrieve the fruit. The owner approached them and asked them

not to climb the tree which he owns and which is too old to withstand the abuse. They left, but were back shortly to catch lizards, pick leaves off bushes and break twigs off trees.

There is no common ground between the homes in Gulf View Estates. Each homeowners lot is a privately owned parcel and should be respected as such. All owners should take care to advise relatives and other visitors that they are expected to abide by the rules of the development's EC&Rs.

Trespass is not an issue to be addressed by the Board, however, but should be reported immediately to the Sheriff's office.

### Dog Poop Again

If you're not getting caught flaunting the rules, it's okay . . . or so some folks seem to think. So they walk their dogs during the peaceful, quiet of the early morning or after dark and leave the smelly, disgusting evidence behind.

The question is: Why do some people feel that they are exempt from the rules with which the large majority of GVE owners gladly comply? Are these delinquents oblivious to the world around them or simply feel they are privileged?

Perhaps some soul searching is in order.

On that same repetitive theme, all residents should be aware that there are several dogs in the development that are not controlled and have already caused an injury.

# Annual Garage Sale



**The weather held.  
Traffic was lighter than usual.  
No unfortunate incidents.**

**Shoppers enjoyed themselves.  
Neighbors enjoyed chance meetings in driveways.  
Sellers enjoyed the buyers.**



**Social interface allowed.  
Comparison pricing allowed.  
Haggling definitely allowed.**



*Pix by Mike Shlasko*