



# The Gulf View

## Entrance Project Underway

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Two palms and two magnolia trees were removed from either side of the front entrance. Vision Horticulture, selected by the Landscaping Committee (Jim Henry and Rich Delco), planted twelve 24-foot Royal Palms on either side of the entrance. Jim, Rich, Mike Shlasko and Frank Uttaro saved the community about \$1,000 by rebuilding the front entrance irrigation system including installation of bubblers on each of the new trees! See picture on Page 4.

Michael J. Looney has been selected as the electrical contractor. He will remove the old light post at the corner of Adams and install new post lights on each side of the entrance on SR776 which will make the driveway easily identifiable from either direction at night.

There are 6 owners, three of which are in foreclosure, who still owe the 2014 Annual Dues. Five owners are seriously delinquent. Mike Shlasko has gone door to door collecting money to avoid legal action if possible. These owners need to

consider the additional costs to them in fines and/or liens on their properties which may be levied by the GVE Board.

Ignoring notification from the Board and the GVE lawyer's letters will not make the issue go away.

Bill SB1348 has been referred for committee review at the State House which in effect will levy a \$4.00/owner fee on each HOA property in the state. In addition it will likely increase our legal and accounting fees as well. On Page 2 you will find a description of the proposal and a sample letter by President Mike Shlasko, which you can use as a guide to make your opinions known to our Senator Detert and Representative Holder in Tallahassee.

Email addresses and telephone numbers are included. If you need more information consult the internet or members of our Board of Directors. This bill would impact every lot owner in GVE.



## Rental Properties Reviewed

There are 22 rental properties in Gulf View Estates now. Eleven of the 22 are compliant with rental procedures. Most of the others are rentals where leases were signed before the update of the EC&Rs. Six were sent a certified letter describing in detail the leasing procedures as per the GVE EC&Rs.

The Board needs feedback from the community to help with the enforcement of the rental procedures. Street Captains are a good source of information. All residents are urged to contact the Board with changes they see in the homes on their streets - new people, vehicles, unusual activity - or obvious disregard for GVE restrictions.

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**Thought for the Day**

*“Guard well within yourself that treasure, kindness. Know how to give without hesitation, how to lose without regret, how to acquire without meanness.”*

~~ George Sand

French Author (1804-1876)

**2014 Board of Directors**

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**Sen. Alan Hayes Submits Bill to Raise HOA Fees**

While talk of tax cuts abound this election year the legislature is quietly working on increasing your annual dues by requiring that your HOA pay a fee for every lot in the development. That fee, initially \$4, will be effective on January 1 of next year. In addition, the proposed Bill makes other dramatic changes to Chapter 720, the state statute governing Homeowner Associations. It would not be unreasonable to expect that legal and property management costs associated with implementation of these changes would have additional significant impact on your annual dues so unless this Bill is stopped, you can expect that your 2015 dues will increase by approximately \$10 or about 5%.

Please contact your state representatives immediately and tell them how you feel about this new tax.

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**Sample Letter**

*“Gulf View Estates is a community of 367 lots, 364 homes in unincorporated Sarasota County just south of the Venice border. Our residents are a mix of older and newer retirees and young families. All of our residents chose to live here because our HOA Deed Restrictions preserve the character of the community without burdening our residents with exorbitant fees. Our Annual HOA Dues are low and have not increased in 3 years yet some of our elderly retirees still find that amount to be a hardship.*

*All of the headlines that we read talk about tax cuts this election year but SB1348 is nothing less than a disguised tax increase for the owners in our community. In addition to the \$4/lot fee that this bill would impose the additional very substantial changes to Chapter 720 will most likely cause significant increases in our legal, accounting and property management expenses so I anticipate that this legislation will cause a 5% increase in our annual HOA dues.*

*Please use your influence to stop this legislation! Neither our 367 Owners, nor the 2.6 Million owners of lots in the other 13,000 HOA's in the state want or need this hidden Tax Increase!”*

*Sincerely,*

*Your Name*

# Bits and Pieces

## Calendar of Events

### April 16

Monthly Board Meeting will be held at 2:00 PM at the Jacaranda Library.

### 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.

### May 1

Ladies Lunch is planned for 12:00 noon at Valenti's, 1200 E. Venice Avenue. Call Ceci Kueltzo at 496-4453 to make your reservations.

### May 29

Community Dinner Night Out will be held at *Left Coast Grill*, 385 US41 Bypass, at 6:00 PM. Please call Carolyn Morris at 493-9715 to reserve your place.

## Harness Found

A set of dog harnesses has been found and rescued by a GVE resident. If you have been looking for them, please call 941-492-5128.



A resident enjoys some fly fishing in one of GVE's lily-filled ponds.



## Resignation

Volunteer, Stacey Schwartz, has resigned her position as Chair of Community Outreach as she plans to move from GVE. Many thanks to Stacey for her involvement in the community.

## Suggestions?

*The Gulf View* newsletter is looking much the same each month and could use a face lift. Do you have ideas for improving the format, information, columns or other changes? Please get in touch with your editor whose contact information can be found on Page 2.

It has been a goal for some time now to involve more people in contributing to the newsletter. There are surely some residents who can lend their expertise. Your editor is an amateur learning as she goes and would welcome any support.

The program used is Publisher 2007. The general format is estab-

lished and recognizable, but can always be improved.

## Who Cares?

Fifteen people attended the Community Dinner last week.

Who cares?

Very few volunteers answer the call for help or service.

Who cares?

Enforcement of restrictions keeps GVE a special place to live.

Who cares?

All GVE business is conducted by volunteers from the Community.

Who cares?

A lack of volunteers limits the potential for GVE's future.

Who cares?

If you pay your yearly dues and really care about the neighborhood in which you choose to live, please give some thought to what it takes to keep it this way and offer your time and services.

**VOLUNTEER!**





Jim Henry, left, and Rich Delco supervise Vision Horticulture as they install the twelve new Royal Palms along either side of the GVE entrance.

Photo: Mike Shlasko