



# The Gulf View

## April Board Meeting

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### Entrance Praised

Phase I of the entrance landscaping has been completed. The enhancements have received favorable comments from residents. There are still finishing touches to be addressed such as reworking the garden areas and filling in bare spots. The Landscape Committee is trying to get bids on that part of the project.

They have done a remarkable job of bringing the GVE entrance to the great “first impression” status it deserves.

The irrigation system needed to support the trees was rebuilt by Ed Kowalski, Rich Delco, Jim Henry and Mike Shlasko.

Ed Kowalski, a tireless volunteer, has been working to restore access lighting that was moved when the Royal Palms were planted. The Board needs to evaluate new low-voltage landscaping lighting requirements, cost and funding.

### Other Business

Questions arose concerning growth of aquatic plants in the ponds. Owners may rest assured that these are native species and pose no threat to the water. Many are those planted last year to help prevent erosion of the banks of the ponds.

The Events committee put forth a plea for more participation in the monthly lunches and dinners. They are a perfect avenue for making new friends and getting to know more of your neighbors. Restaurants are carefully chosen for

easy access and good food. Each occasion has a volunteer hostess who makes the arrangements and accepts reservations. If you have not joined one of these events, you are missing out on the fun.

If residents have suggestions for other types of events, large or small, that may be of interest, contact Linda Sussman at 408-9486.

The majority of GVE owners who wish to rent their properties have complied with the required applications to the Board of Directors. Those who choose to ignore the EC&Rs regarding this, will find the Compliance Committee unsympathetic and fines could be levied.

The same advice applies to those residents who place signs not allowed by the EC&Rs. They will also face disciplinary action. See article Pages 2 and 4.

In pursuing an issue with street lights for which GVE pays Florida Power and Light, the Board managed to have three of them removed from the bill. This reduced the monthly bill and generated a credit of \$574.

Benches along Pierce Drive are still on the agenda and it is expected that John Canon will be able to resume that project in the near future. The one already placed has become a popular place for fishing or just sitting to enjoy the view.



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**Thought for the Day**

*You may have tangible  
 wealth untold;  
 Caskets of jewels and  
 coffers of gold.  
 Richer than I  
 you can never be -  
 I had a mother who read to me.  
 ~~Strickland Gallilan  
 American Poet and Humorist*

2014 Board of Directors		
President	Michael Shlasko	493-3504
V. President	Linda Sussman	408-9486
Secretary	Leontine VanderMeer	445-4865
Treasurer	Frank Uttaro	497-5026
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	Jim Henry	492-9792
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Events/Social	Ceci Kuelczo	496-4453
Street Capt. Coord.	John Canon	496-7903

**Sea Turtle Nesting Season  
 May 1 - October 31**

Manasota Key hosts more Nesting Sea Turtles than any other place on the Gulf Coast. All Sea Turtles Nesting on our Beaches are Threatened or Endangered To Protect Nesting Sea Turtles Please....

Fill in Holes and Knock Down Sand Castles Before Leaving the Beach

Pick up your trash. Birds & Sea Creatures mistake it for food, eat it and die

No lights on the beach after dark except Red or Amber LED



For More Information on Sea Turtles in Sarasota County:  
<https://www.scgov.net/ResourceProtection/Pages/SeaTurtle.aspx>  
 Or in Gulf View Estates Contact Mike Shlasko, Andrea Shlasko, or Tina Glover

**Inappropriate Signs**

The pictures on Page 4 document an unfortunate use of materials to indicate a resident’s anger over trash and dog poop along the pond on Pierce Road. This is an ugly gesture which reflects badly on our community. Not only is it threatening and inappropriate, but also against the rules laid down by our EC&Rs and Sarasota County statute.

Certainly littering is an unsightly annoyance and nuisance to us all, but two wrongs do not make a right. This type of behavior will not be tolerated in Gulf View Estates.

**Security**

It is a very comfortable feeling to know that crime in our neighborhood is almost nonexistent. However, it doesn’t mean that we can let our guard down. Unusual activity, vehicles or people should always be reported to the Sheriff’s office. There have been a few “visitors” canvassing for business. One claimed he was merely calling on his regular customers, but he was walking with no labeled vehicle in sight.

Tina Glover, our Security Chair person, receives a crime report from the Sarasota County Sheriff’s office each month and keeps the Board updated on information relating to our area, but the best defense is owner/residents who care enough to keep a watchful eye on their surroundings.

# Bits and Pieces

## Calendar of Events

### May 21

Final Spring meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the Jacaranda Library at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, May 21. If occasion arises when a special meeting must be called during the months of June through August, it will be posted as an official public meeting.



### 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.

### June 5

Ladies Lunch will be at *Althea's Restaurant*, 220 W. Miami Avenue, at 12:00 noon. Please call Ceci Kuelto, 496-4453, to make your reservations.

### June 26

Community Dinner Night Out is planned for *Defina's Italian Restaurant*, 1965 Tamiami Trail S in Venice at 6:00 PM. Your hostess is Annette Noren. Please call her at 882-4543 to arrange your reservations.

## Street Captains Update

Adams	Marge Stirling 5837 Adams
Buchanan	Marie Buchanan 5880 Buchanan
Cleveland	John Canon 5872 Cleveland
Garfield	Judy Russell 5855 Garfield
Harrison	Becky Collins 5851 Harrison
Jackson	Roland Vachon 5848 Jackson
Jefferson	Wallace Hewett 5821 Jefferson
Lincoln	Sue Myers 5899 Lincoln
Madison	Linda Sussman 5891 Madison
McKinley	Bob Kozuch 5823 McKinley
Monroe	Naz Magnifico 5832 Monroe
Roosevelt	Karen Mann 1342 Roosevelt
Roosevelt	Diane Burns 1456 Roosevelt
Roosevelt	Diane Jerome 5807 McKinley
Taylor	Judy Sasse 5871 Taylor

Tyler	Corrine Holck 5847 Tyler
Washington	Beth Delp 1362 Washington
Wilson	Rick Berlin 5847 Wilson

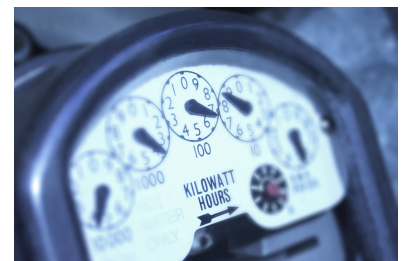
NOTE: Please clip and file this list for future reference.

## The FPL Story

We have three street lights we have been paying monthly fees for an average of 20 years. All three are owned by Gulf View Estates. FPL was unable to locate the source of power to two of the three poles nor could they locate the original contract.

A new contract has been signed; the monthly bill has been reduced and 5 years of credit amounting to \$574 has been issued.

An earlier study of electric bills could have saved GVE a considerable amount of money, but went unnoticed by former Boards. The current Board has corrected this situation.

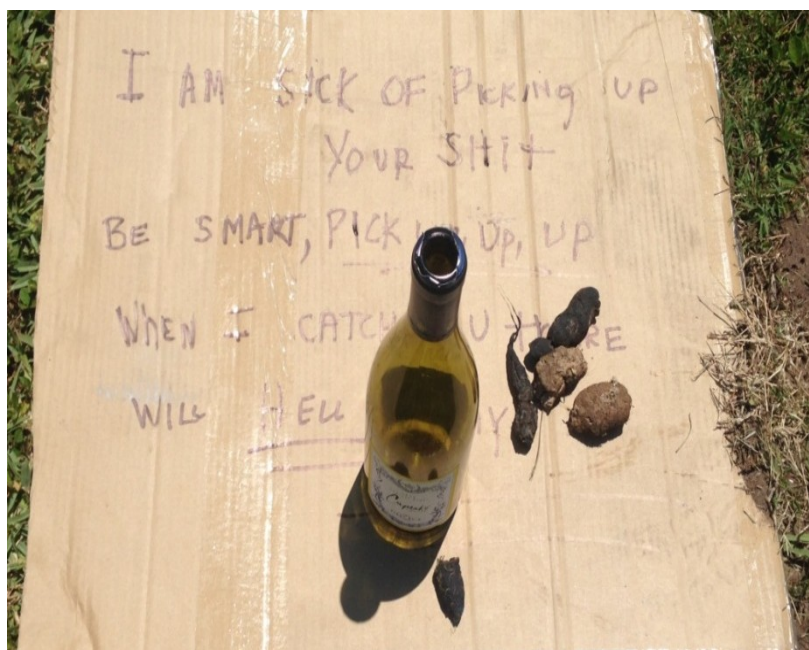


## DEED RESTRICTIONS REMINDER - SIGNS

### Article III, Paragraph 8

" Signs. No signs of any type shall be displayed on any Lot, with the following exceptions: security systems signs, construction job signs, and for sale or lease/rent signs of the Owner, a builder, or the Owner's real estate broker. No signs of any kind are to be placed on common property except for Association use. Open House signs may be displayed on the Owner's property for no more than two (2) days, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., by the Owner or the Owner's real estate broker."

Gulf View Estates is a Deed Restricted Community and we have always had restrictions on the placement of signs as they detract from the character of the community. Recently we have seen an increasing disregard for this restriction as you can see in the following pictures.



### **YARD SALE SIGNS ARE NOT PERMITTED**

**SIGNS PROMOTING YOUR RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATION ARE NOT PERMITTED**

**SIGNS EXPRESSING YOUR OPINION ABOUT COUNTY CODE VIOLATIONS ARE NOT PERMITTED**

**THREATENING SIGNS ARE NOT PERMITTED!!!**

The Association has historically made exception for Estate Sales where a resident has actually passed away and a spouse or heirs that do not intend to keep the property would like to empty it for sale. Please contact the Association for permission in this case only. All other signs not specifically permitted in Article III Paragraph 8 are not allowed and will be treated as EC&R Violations.

Mike Shlasko