



The Gulf View

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Linda Sussman

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I have recently returned from a lovely European trip and want to thank everyone who kept GVE in fine running order. It was nice to go and very nice to come home. There are two items I would like to bring to your attention this month.

The first are those few homeowners who consistently put off **payment of our annual dues**. At \$190.00 per year, I think everyone will agree, we get a great bargain. Those few who don't pay on time cause everyone problems. You know who you are and we will probably be knocking on your door. If you don't pay then, we will be involving legal counsel and potentially placing a lien on your property. The end result has always been that we collect the money owed and the costs to those who delay balloon with late fees, legal costs etc. These fees can considerably exceed the money originally owed and can't be waived.

The time for sad tales and your financial woes was back in January; now we just want the money. This is your last chance to pay your bill; because you will be responsible in the end for all the costs GVE incurs to collect the payment.

Parking unregistered vehicles and recreational vehicles continues to be an issue in GVE. It is against our EC&Rs to park on the grass in our development. All our streets are county roads and it is okay to park on these public roads between the hours of 6:00 AM and 11:00 PM, but not overnight. This means that if you are having a meeting or party let them park on the street – not on the grass. Overnight guests should park in your driveway – or perhaps you can talk to a neighbor and have them use their driveway if they agree.

Recreational vehicles and boats cannot stay on your driveway or on the road at any time. If you want to keep it on your property it must fit in your garage. It is also important to note that vehicles not registered to operate on public roads as required by Florida law, trucks over 1/4 ton, commercial vehicles, vehicles with commercial writing on their exteriors or with commercial equipment visible, and vehicles primarily used or designed for commercial purposes cannot be parked in your driveway. Also remember under our EC&Rs no vehicle may be repaired in open view of any Lot Owner from any angle within the subdivision except within a garage.

Keeping track of vehicles all the time is not an easy task for our compliance people who only drive around periodically. However if you see a persistent problem, be a good neighbor to GVE and send Sunstate a compliance complaint either by e-mail or put it in our mailbox by the bulletin board. If we want to maintain the neat appearance of GVE we need everyone to cooperate.

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Thought for the Day

“A kind heart is a fountain of gladness, making everything in its vicinity freshen into smiles.”

~~ Washington Irving

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How Do You Feel About Our GVE Community?

By Tina Glover, Security

No crime in GVE for another month! Very impressive with all the new residents lately that we are still a great and safe community.

And on that note: I want to take a moment to talk about how great a community we are. My daughter has been very ill and needs a heart transplant. She presently has a machine inserted in her heart that pumps the damaged organ until it can be replaced. We've had numerous trips to the hospital, countless drives to the Tampa heart transplant clinic, some scheduled appointments, some emergency trips. The neighbors in GVE have given us so much support, offering to watch the three boys, baking for them, providing an entire meal, offering to drive the boys where they need to go, making themselves available in case we needed the boys picked up. Other people have offered to sit with my daughter and learn how to replace the controller if necessary. I even have people who watch to make sure I remember to take care of me and they take me off to yoga on the beach for my health and well-being. We are overwhelmed and overjoyed by how fortunate we are to have such amazing people in our lives, living right here in Gulf View Estates. The compassion and care so many have shown us is such a testament to our little community and we are so very grateful to each and every one for their kindness and genuine concern.

Thought it might be nice to post something that says how great we are. So often we have stories of problems that occur or reiterations of the bylaws, etc. Here's just a heartfelt, warm story. :~)

If you have a story you would like to share about your experiences with neighbors in the Gulf View Estates community, please contact your Editor (information in box above).



Bits and Pieces



May 7

Ladies Luncheon has been scheduled by Lyn McConnell at *Le Petite Jardin Café*, 1500 E. Venice Avenue, at 12:00 noon. Please call Lyn at 941-496-8687 to make your reservations.

May 20

The Board of Directors will hold their monthly meeting at the *Jacaranda Library* at 2:00 PM. All residents and owners are invited.

May 28

Community Dinner Night Out has also been arranged by Lyn McConnell for 6:00 PM at the new *British Open Pub* location, 365 Jacaranda Boulevard (Jacaranda Plaza near the roundabout). Lyn will accept reservations at 941-496-8687.

June 4

Ladies Luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon at the *Old Salty Dog*, 1485 Tamiami Trail, Venice, by the south bridge. Your hostess, Ceci Kueltzo, will accept reservations at 941-496-4453.

June 25

Community Dinner Night Out is planned for *Landy's Restaurant*, 1400 Aqua View Lane, Englewood (the former Howard's) at 5:30 PM. Please note the time! Ceci Kueltzo is taking reservations at 496-4453.

Beware of Alligators

Neighbors on Roosevelt Drive were recently treated to an uninvited "guest". The alligator had been seen trespassing on their lawn, but they lost sight of it and thought it had returned to the water behind their home.

Luckily a passing motorist was kind enough to stop and knock on their back door. The 'gator was taking a snooze directly in front of the front door. Had they opened it, he would have had an opportunity to enter the home.



So . . . another example of the kindness of strangers.



Holiday Lighting 2015

By Linda Sussman

In previous years volunteers put up the holiday lighting. After the new landscaping along the entrance was installed the Board decided we would hire a firm to provide the lights, put them up and take them down for the 2014 holiday season.

The Board determined it was a good decision and is currently working on plans for 2015. We received numerous comments and have incorporated some into the plans. We have tentatively chosen not to light the very tall Washingtonian Palms in the center. We will be lighting the Royal Palms, the front entrance curve and the island. Now the major question: should we incorporate some colored lights in with the white or should it be all white, as it was last year. The final decision on the exact lighting plan will be made at our May 20th Board meeting. We would love as much input as possible as to what you liked and didn't like about the 2014 lighting as well as what we should or shouldn't include for 2015. You can call me, e-mail me or any other member of the Board or send a letter via snail mail or put it in the community mailbox by the Bulletin Board. Now is the time to speak up; don't wait for January.

Neighborhood Watch

See it! Hear it! Report it!

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 941-316-1201

A NO SOLICITING COMMUNITY

By Linda Sussman

As you enter Gulf View Estates a sign clearly announces that we do not permit soliciting. Soliciting in context is typically the salesperson knocking on your door without making a prior appointment with you or the person littering your property, or common property, with fliers for products or services. When someone enters your property without your permission they are trespassing. The Gulf View Estates Homeowners Association has a *No Trespass Order* on file with the Sheriff which means that any resident can call the Sheriff and demand that solicitors be removed from the community.

It is the responsibility of all of our residents to make sure that uninvited solicitors are aware that they are not welcome in our community. If they knock on your door, tell them that we do not allow solicitors and demand they leave. If you see that they are not leaving, call the non-emergency number for the Sheriff 316-1201 and ask them to come and escort the solicitor from the development. Be prepared with a good description of the person(s) and if applicable the vehicle. The phone number is on the "Neighborhood Watch" sign as you enter the community as a reminder. If you are not comfortable calling in the Sheriff, call any member of the Board of Directors and/or Sunstate Management, our property manager. All those numbers are in this newsletter, but remember the longer you wait the more likely it is that the Sheriff will not be able to find and warn the violator so if you make the call immediately it is most effective.

Most recently we have seen representatives for a replacement window company and from Comcast going door to door selling their products. They are just the latest in a long line of solicitors. Do not listen to their sales pitch. Tell them to leave. You have no way to

verify their credentials or to know if they are legitimate representatives of a reputable company or people who created badges or business cards on their computers. If you are interested in this type of product or service, you should initiate contact with reputable companies and make an appointment for an estimate and check their references. The same thing applies to companies offering landscaping, tree trimming, pool cleaning or other services. You should use licensed and insured contractors who can provide good references from local customers over a long period of time, not people who knock on your door or leave fliers in your driveway or taped to your mailbox.

We also recently have had companies or more likely individuals, selling maintenance services throwing plastic bags containing fliers and rocks into driveways in GVE, typically before dawn. Putting a collection of such fliers in the GVE mailbox is not a helpful reaction. If you get a flier in your driveway, call the number on the flier and tell them to stop distributing. If you see someone distributing fliers then call the Sheriff with a description of the incident along with a description of the individual and/or the vehicle. When you get this trash in your driveway, and we all get it, we need each resident to take responsibility as a member of our community and take action to stop it.

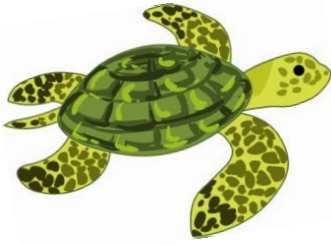
Being Good Neighbors

The rules are written in the EC&Rs, but sometimes it just requires common sense.

It's neighborly to limit the amount of noise that might disturb your neighbors.

It's sensible to turn on yard lights in the evening.

Sea Turtle Nesting Season Begins May 1



Sarasota County Natural Resources officials are reminding residents and visitors that sea turtle nesting season begins May 1 and several local beaches are prime spots for mature female turtles to lay their eggs.

To protect sea turtles and their nests beachgoers should:

Avoid areas marked with small flags

Minimize beachfront lighting by turning off, shielding, or redirecting lights away from the beach

Replace incandescent and fluorescent bulbs with amber or red LEDs

Close blinds and draperies in oceanfront rooms at night

Remove lounge chairs, cabanas, umbrellas, and boats, from the beach at night

Do not walk dogs on the beach unless permitted

Use your natural vision and moonlight when walking on the beach at night

If you encounter a turtle on the beach at night, remain quiet, still and at a distance

If you encounter a sea turtle nest or hatchlings, leave the eggs and baby turtles alone

Properly dispose of your garbage. Turtles may mistake plastic bags, Styrofoam, and trash floating in the water as food and die when this trash blocks their intestines.

Rare Kemp's Ridley turtles are expected on the beaches this summer.

All sea turtles, including those that frequent Sarasota County beaches like loggerhead, green and Kemp's Ridley turtles, are protected by the Endangered Species Act, and Sarasota County's Marine Turtle Protection Ordinance.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit www.scgov.net.

Light Up for Safety



Once again it is necessary to remind GVE residents of the rules governing our development. The EC&Rs (Easements, Covenants and Restrictions) are very clear on the need for yard lights. They are required throughout Phases 2 and 3. They are not only required, but must be turned on each evening. If a bulb is burned out or the lamp is otherwise in need of repair, it must be restored to working condition.

Many lamps have an element (eye) that responds to day and night light going on and off automatically. The new energy-saving bulbs are long lasting and cheap to use. The difference in electric bills is scarcely noticeable, but the safety value of a well-lit street is immeasurable.