



The Gulf View

September Board Meeting

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The first post-summer meeting of the GVE Board of Directors was held at the Jacaranda Library Wednesday, September 16th.

Reports listed two properties that owe the annual fee. One is in foreclosure and one is in short sale. GVE has a lien on it

which means such outstanding debts will be addressed when it is sold.

Assistant Treasurer, Angela Theriault, reported our financial situation is very solid. Careful management of the 2015 budget has resulted in a balance which can be allocated to additional in-

frastructure projects.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be at the Jacaranda Library October 21 at 2:00 PM.



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President's Report

By Linda Sussman

Your Board of Directors has enjoyed a quiet summer vacation without any major issues. If you have been away for the last few months you will return to a changed landscape to our north. The ground has been cleared and work has started with the pond and house lots on the Rapello Development between Roosevelt Drive and the entrance road to Ventura Village. Mike Shlasko and I met with the developers on site to make certain that all the lot lines and requirements for setback were adhered to before work started. Now in full swing the construction equipment and workers are on site almost every workday. Despite the noise, the good news is that they are

hoping to have models ready for selling this season – so if it goes according to plan it won't be too long before the construction phase is done. The lake looks lovely and we will have some new neighbors.

As we enter the fall season the Board is focusing on the budget for 2016 with a budget subcommittee that will be reviewing how we are spending our money in 2015 and what we will be doing in the next year. The good news is that we have stayed well within our budget and property owners have paid their annual fees. Only two property owners have not paid their fees.

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*October is
Breast
Cancer
Awareness
Month*

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Thought for the Day

*“May your walls hold joy;
 May every room hold laughter
 And every window open
 to great possibility.”*

Maryanne Radmacher-Hershey

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President’s Report continued

Assuming our budget stays on track we will have some money remaining and a list of projects we would like to consider. If you have ideas you think we should spend money on to improve GVE in 2016, now is the time to let me know. The Board will consider them at our October meeting and include some in the annual budget that will be up for approval at the Dec. 2nd Annual Meeting.

This summer we had some unwanted guests that burrowed under the grass along the north pond between the water and the wall. We were never able to catch or even glimpse the culprits despite meeting on several occasions with three different “critter control” companies and getting many different opinions both professional and amateur. Without being able to identify the animal, I chose a watchful waiting approach. In recent weeks we have not seen any new burrows and assume the critters are gone for now. If anyone can positively identify with photo or trap the animals we will do something appropriate about them.

The GVE Community has much to be proud of. Active participation by owners can keep it that way.

Annual Homeowners Meeting

The meeting this year is scheduled for December 2nd. It will be held at United Church of Christ, 620 Shamrock Boulevard, at 7:00 PM.

All owners are urged to attend. The 2016 Budget will be presented for your approval. As our politicians are so fond of saying “your vote counts” and indeed it does. In 2014, the meeting was so sparsely attended that Board members scrambled to gather a quota. Your vote in this case, helps determine the direction of the Board in 2016 and the management of the monies you pay in yearly dues.



Bits and Pieces

Calendar of Events

October 1

Ladies Luncheon will be held at *Carrabba's Italian Restaurant*, 1751 Mamiami Trail, Venice, at 12:00 noon. Please call your hostess, Linda Sussman, at 408-9486.

October 21

Board of Directors monthly meeting is scheduled at the *Jacaranda Library* at 2:00 PM. All owners are invited to attend these meetings held every third Wednesday of the month from September to May.

October 22

Community Dinner Night Out will take place at the *Olde World Restaurant*, 14415 Tamiami Trail, North Port, at 6:00 PM. Your hostess, Carolyn Morris, will arrange reservations for you at 493-9715.

November 5

Ladies Luncheon is planned for *Left Coast Restaurant*, 385 US 41 Bypass, Venice, at 12:00 noon. Hostess, Carol Armstrong, will be taking your reservation at 492-2965.

November 8

Annual Community Picnic will be held at Manasota Beach Pavilion. See Page 5.



POTLUCK DINNER

November 19

Community Dinner Night Out will be at *Prime Time*, 6855 Placida Road, Englewood, at 6:00 PM. Your hostess is Carol Armstrong who will be taking your reservations at 493-2965.

December 3

Ladies Luncheon at 12:00 noon will be served at *Pelican Point*, 575 Center Road, Venice. Hostess, Ceci Kuelto, will accept reservations at 495-4453.



Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 1st.

New Column

A member of our GVE community has suggested an idea for a new column for our monthly newsletter. It will be refreshing to read a new author and a new take on the world around us.

Please welcome Angela Theriault as a new contributor to this publication. See Page 4.

To Garfield Road Residents

By John Canon

We are looking for a volunteer for the Garfield Road Street Captain position. Judy Russell has been our Street Captain providing great ser-

vice for many years, but Judy is resigning from that position.

A primary responsibility for a Street Captain is to deliver hard copies of our GVE newsletter to those not receiving it by E-mail. As you know the newsletters are delivered monthly October through May. There are about 15 residents on Garfield who receive the hard copy newsletters. I drop the required number (plus a couple extras) by your garage door with a list of residents who need a copy left at their front door and you deliver when you can.

The Street Captain can be any resident, permanent or part time. Even if you receive your newsletter copy by E-mail you can still be a Street Captain.

If you would like to volunteer for this position, please contact me at 941-496-7903 or canon.john3@gmail.com

Thank you for considering.

John Canon, Coordinator



Neighborhood Watch

See it! Hear it! Report it!

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 941-316-1201



The Beauty in Our Community

By Angela Theriault

Sometimes we are so busy with our routines, we neglect to see the beauty that surrounds us each and every day.

Have you rushed down Pierce Road in the morning without noticing the anhinga that frequents the base of the fountain with wings outstretched waiting for the morning sun to dry them? If you are lucky, you may even witness the sun penetrating his wings, giving a sort of x-ray into the beauty of this handsome creature. This is just one example of nature waiting for us to behold all around us.

In the months ahead you will see more information, stories and articles showcasing the beauty that lies here in our community. You are invited to be a part of this new section of the newsletter that is entitled “The Beauty In Our Community”. Please help us highlight all the good that happens in our area. You are encouraged to submit stories, photos, and miscellaneous thoughts which will be shared each month. Call or e-mail, write your own verse or give me some information and I will do my best to share your thoughts in the newsletter.

We all need to be proud of our surroundings and community. Please take a look around, observe, enjoy and most importantly appreciate the beauty. Then share it with your neighbors. You can contact me at astheriault@snet.net or 497-6761.

Looking For More Participation

By Linda Sussman

This is the time of the year that we implore our residents for help. One of the main reasons we are able to keep our annual fee so low is that we rely on volunteers to step up and play an active role in GVE. I know that people like to be asked, so consider this your guilt-edged invitation to participate.

A formal request for anyone interested in serving a one year term on the board of directors will be part of the official Annual Meeting Information packet soon to be mailed. If you have any questions or just want to discuss things, please feel free to call or e-mail me about being part of the team in 2016.

If you are not ready for the Board there are lots of other assignments that will make the operation of our community go more smoothly. Serve on one of our many committees such as landscape, maintenance, social or welcoming. You can also just pick out a one time job such as helping with set up, cooking or cleanup for the November 8th annual picnic. We will also need people to help with our annual meeting on December 2nd or bake cookies for the occasion. John Cannon is often searching for new Street Captains – a great way to meet your neighbors. Right now he needs a replacement for Judy Russell on Garfield Road.

If you have a special talent or interest that you think might be of assistance to the community, please let me know and we can hopefully work with you for the benefit of GVE. At our last meeting Drew Breckheimer of Monroe Road volunteered to take responsibility for lowering our flag at the entrance to half staff when necessary. It was a job that everyone and no one took responsibility for; now we can rely on Mr. Breckheimer. A special thank you to him and to anyone else who will step forward to take on tasks big and small over the next year.

Contact me at sussman.linda@gmail.com or call me at 408-9486 to talk about what you can do to help.



**Come to the Gulf View Estates Picnic
Sunday, November 8th from 11 am to 2 pm
Manasota Beach Pavilion**

**All our Newest Neighbors, Long Timers, Owners,
Renters, Snowbirds, Year-round Residents, Families and Singles
are encouraged to come to this fun event.**

This will be a Pot Luck, plus hot dogs and hamburgers provided by the homeowner's association. Bring a dish to share and your own beverages. No glass containers are allowed. The association will be supplying table cloths, plastic utensils, paper plates, napkins, plastic glasses and ice.

Call Ceci Kuelto at 496-4453 or e-mail her at cecikuelto@yahoo.com to let her know you are coming and what you will bring: an appetizer, side dish, salad or dessert.

The pavilion has grills, room for games, new rest rooms and changing facilities and easy access to the beach.

Don't miss this fun kickoff to the Florida season