



The Gulf View

Annual Fee Stands for 2016

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The Board of Directors has succeeded in handling the 2015 budget with admirable efficiency and are now looking at a balance that can be allocated to special projects within the community. The 2016 dues remain at \$190 per year.

The amount of \$865 was voted on to hire the front wall pressure washed. It has not been done in several years and it is showing the usual effects of road dirt

and weather.

One of the more important issues involves the electrical system that serves the front entrance. It lights the trees and Gulf View Estates signage as well as the Christmas lighting. It has been tweaked and repaired for many seasons and it is simply not dependable. That infrastructure will be replaced with up-to-date wiring, electrical boxes and LED bulbs.

Attention Residents

It is your responsibility to either attend the December 2nd Homeowner Association Annual Meeting or return your proxy ballot. We hope you will attend the meeting at the United Church of Christ located at 620 Shamrock at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM. This is your opportunity to meet and elect the Board of Directors, review and approve the new budget as well as catch up with your neighbors. There are homemade cookies and coffee as well as information about our community.

If you can't make the meeting or just think things are going so well you don't have to go – **think again**. Our development is built in several phases and we need to meet a 25% minimum quorum of residents in each section to officially hold this once-a-year meeting. So bring your neighbors along or we may have to arrange a costly reschedule if we don't

meet both quorums.

For those of you who can't attend, fulfill your obligation by proxy ballot. The recent mailing from our management company includes the “*Limited Proxy*,” to approve the 2016 budget and carry-over funds from 2015 to 2016, as well as the Board of Directors election ballot. Please fill out these documents, then put them in a stamped envelope and mail it to our management company: Sunstate Association Management Group, P.O. Box 18809, Sarasota, FL 34276. This should be done as soon as possible so it arrives in plenty of time to be counted at the December 2nd Annual Meeting. As an alternative to mailing the ballot and proxy, you can give the signed documents to a neighbor who will be attending. If you have any questions you can call Sunstate Management at 941-870-4920 or Linda Sussman, 941-408-9486.



Thank you,
Veterans!

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Thought for the Day

“Thanksgiving is a typical American holiday . . . the lavish meal is a symbol of the fact that abundant consumption is the result and reward of production.”

~ Ayn Rand

2014 Board of Directors		
President	Linda Sussman	408-9486
V. President	Jim Henry	492-9792
Secretary	Leontine VanderMeer	445-4865
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Garfield Road Residents

By John Canon

A Garfield Road resident has stepped up to assume the duties of the Street Captain. Diann Crossman, 5823 Garfield Road, is welcomed aboard. An updated list of all Street Captains can be found on the GVE website.



Several community residents have complained that they no longer receive the GVE Newsletter via E-mail. Attached is our form that should be filled out if:

- 1) You were signed up for E-mail delivery but no longer receive a newsletter; or,
- 2) You would like E-mail delivery of the newsletter

You will find the form on the *GulfViewEstates.com* website, print it out and send to Sunstate Association Management Group, P. O. Box 18809, Sarasota, FL 34276. Go to the *About Us* drop down menu and click on *Password Protected Directory*. On that page, click on *Directory and Email Authorization Form*.

Safety First

Edmund Kowalski, a member of the Board and our number one mechanic, fix-it, repair person, reminds all residents who walk the streets of GVE to take extra precautions now that darkness comes so early. Pedestrians should walk facing oncoming traffic, wear light-

colored clothing, especially anything reflective. Remember that bicycles are required to obey the laws of the road and ride with the traffic. Flashlights or small flashing lights are highly recommended.

Another deterrent and safety measure is keeping all yard lights on each evening. Since GVE has street lights only on Pierce and Roosevelt Drives, individual lighting is essential. Looking down the side streets shows immediately which ones are lit and which are not.

Tina Glover continues to maintain contact with the Sarasota County Sheriff’s office. There have been no reports of police calls recently. Diligence on the part of all residents keeps our neighborhood safe. Remember to lock all cars left in driveways and report any suspicious activity directly to the Sheriff’s department.

Neighborhood Watch
See it! Hear it! Report it!
Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: 941-316-1201

Bits and Pieces

Calendar of Events

November 8

The Gulf View Estates Annual Picnic was held 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the *Manasota Beach Pavilion*. Reports of the festivities will be published in the December issue of the newsletter.

November 18

The monthly Board Meeting will be held at 2:00 PM at the *Jacaranda Library*.

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 2

Annual Homeowners Meeting is at *United Church of Christ*, 620 Shamrock Boulevard, at 7:00 PM. All GVE homeowners are asked to attend.

December 3

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

Who Doesn't Love Cookies?

If one can judge by past annual meetings, there are some really great cooks in our midst.

To add a social context to our meeting December 2nd, the Board is requesting that those who can participate, bring cookies to share. These will enhance the Coffee Hour, a recess of the meeting to allow for counting and approval of votes.



The Beauty in Our Community

By Angela Theriault

The day after Halloween we wake up to the realization that the holiday season is upon us. We are bombarded with announcements of the coming Black Friday Sales; this year promises the possibility of weekly Black Friday Sales. Somehow, if we didn't spend time enjoying the fall season, we are thrust into the holiday season that has become a whirlwind of shopping, sales and pushing ourselves to exhaustion.

This year we turned the clocks back on October 31st. Now our young people will be leaving before the sun is up. Sleepy-eyed, and thinking of that soft bed that they were forced to leave before the light of dawn, they reluctantly head for the bus stop and a new day of learning.

Most parents have put most of the Halloween candy away, to be distributed proportionately in the

weeks ahead. They are back to their Fall schedules and carry long lists of items required to be done; after school doctors or dentist appointments, sports and music lessons, just to name a few. They are just as tired as their children and they have hundreds of thoughts crossing their minds each day as they escort their precious family to the bus-stop and begin their own day of duties.

With all this in mind, every one of us in the GVE community should be mindful of the new schedule many of our neighbors will be following. When driving early in the morning watch out for that sleep-eyed youngster who is rushing to make the bus or the parent who might make a sudden stop. A young spirit may run into your path without realizing you are there. Some of the buses will be returning as the sun is going down in the months ahead and you might either be blinded by the setting sun or just not see a pedestrian as their clothing blends with the lack of light.

Please obey all posted speed signs in our community. From the very end of Roosevelt and Wilson to the entrance is a short distance and will only take you a minute more following posted speeds, and if you're closer to the entrance, even less.

Let's keep our youngsters safe as we drive in our community.

