



The Gulf View

Annual Meeting December 2

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Tuesday December 2nd is the Gulf View Estates Homeowner Association Annual Meeting. Doors open at 6:30 at the United Church of Christ located at 620 Shamrock. I strongly encourage you to attend. It is a great opportunity to learn more about our community. You can meet the Board and committee members; hear reports of what has been accomplished this year and our plans for 2016. As an added bonus there will be homemade cookies to go along with coffee and tea during the break.

If you can't be at the meeting, PLEASE fill out the proxy ballot that was mailed to you; vote on the budget and the slate of candidates for Board of Directors. Then put it in a stamped envelope and mail it to our management company:

Sunstate Management, 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 2 meeting. Alternatively, you can give the signed documents to a neighbor who will be going. If you have any questions you can call Sunstate Management at 941-870-4920 or Linda Sussman, 941-408-9486.

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 please try to attend, bring your neighbors along to make it a happening. If we don't meet the quorums and we almost didn't last year, we will have to reschedule and that is time consuming and expensive.



Security Report

By Tina Glover

Reports from the Sheriff's office have been great! No crimes to report. I did have a situation a few weeks back with a man who was going door to door trying to sell windows. When I told him he was not allowed to solicit in the development, he was rude and continued to knock on doors. I called the police, but he had left before they arrived. The good news is that the officer came very quickly and was very thorough, driving

up and down all our streets looking for the 'salesman'. He also contacted me before leaving. If you get someone knocking at your door trying to sell you something, I would like to suggest that you don't bother to get into a conversation about the 'no solicit' order that we have posted. It would be best if you just tell them you're not interested and contact the sheriff's office after the person leaves.

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**Wishing You All a Very
 Merry Christmas
 And a Happy New Year!**



Wall Extension Issue

By Linda Sussman

Almost from the very beginning of Gulf View Estates there have been questions and debate about extending the wall along State Road 776 north beyond Roosevelt Drive. An early decision by the developer was not to follow the original plan of opening Roosevelt Drive at the north end to Route 776, but add additional building lots. The developer designed and put in the original “decorative” wall in 1986 before the development was turned over to the homeowner association.

The work on the Rapello Development has brought the noise and privacy concerns to the forefront again for residents in the area. The Board received a petition from Diana Benson signed by 37 residents. We reviewed the issue at our October and November meetings. The Board has decided to take no action at this time.

It is important to remember Gulf View Homeowners Association does not own any land that could be used to extend the wall or provide other buffer options. When the construction and landscaping phase of Rapello has been completed, we can reconsider possible options. There is no question that the north side of Gulf View Estates will not be as it once was.

Diana Benson also reached out to the Florida Department of Transportation about the situation. In their response they indicated *“If the Homeowner Association wants to replace the handrail with a wall on the state Right-of-Way, all costs and expenses for design,*

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permitting and construction of the wall would be funded by the Homeowners Association. The plans would need to be approved to meet the department’s standards for privacy/noise walls. A maintenance agreement would also be executed for the perpetual maintenance of the wall by the Homeowners Association.” The time and cost just to undertake design and permitting of such a project would be prohibitively expensive and time consuming. In addition there is no way we could meld any new wall with the existing wall and meet the state standards as updated in 2014.

Another option they suggested: *“would be to construct a wall outside the State Right-of-way, on the Homeowners Association property where no permits are needed from the Department of Transportation.”* Again we do not own any property in the area. It would be up to individual homeowners and would require variances from our EC&Rs on their property.

Trapped!

By Linda Sussman

The large alligator that has been frequenting the shoreline behind Washington Road was captured by Chad Wright, a Florida State Alligator Trapper. It was 8 feet long and weighed over 250 pounds. Now we should be on the lookout for a new alligator to take over this vacated territory.

See photograph Page 4.



Bits and Pieces

Calendar of Events

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 Kueltzo, will accept reservations at 941-496-4453.

January 7

Ladies Luncheon will be held at *Norma Jean's*, 1632 US41 Bypass, Venice, at 12:00 noon. Ceci Kueltzo is your hostess and will take reservations at 941-496-4453.

January 20

Board of Directors meeting will be held at 2:00 PM at the *Jacaranda Library*. All residents are invited to meet the new Board members.

January 28

Community Dinner Night Out is planned at *Waterfrontoo*, 2205 N. Tamiami Trail, Nokomis, at 6:00 PM. Please call Ceci Kueltzo for reservations at 941-496-4453.

February 4

Ladies Luncheon will be held at *The Livingroom*, 2357 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, at 12:00 noon. Pat DiFrancesca is taking reservations at 941-408-8968.

February 17

Board of Directors will hold their business meeting at the *Jacaranda Library* at 2:00 PM. All residents are invited to attend.

February 25

Community Dinner Night Out is planned for *Landy's*, 1400 Aqua Lane, Englewood, at 6:00 PM. Your hostess, Pat DiFrancesca will accept reservations at 941-408-8968.

Note: Please remember to call for reservations for lunch and dinner. Restaurants require a headcount of expected diners.

Picnic Wrap Up

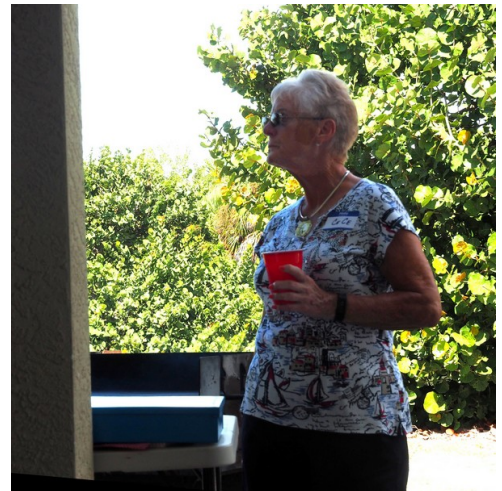
By Linda Sussman

Our annual picnic was once again a great success with approximately 56 residents attending. The event on November 8th at the Manasota Beach Pavillion is one of a long line of picnics dating back to the mid-1980's when our development first started. A special thank you to Ceci Kueltzo for efficiently coordinating it again this year. She and Rich Delco were there early to set up and straighten out the fact that I had the wrong date on the permit. By the time I arrived everything was in order, the food and residents were arriving, grills were going and the tablecloths were in place.

The many other people who set up for the picnic, created great pot luck food, and grilled the hot dogs and hamburgers all did a great job. I

would like to thank everyone by name, but I seem to have misplaced my list due to a houseful of company and rather than try to remember you all – and leave out someone important I will just give everyone a giant THANK YOU. This year we had two grills going early so the burgers were ready when the pot luck foods were set out. No one went hungry and a few even had enough energy to play Bocce Ball.

See additional snapshots Page 4.



Ceci Kueltzo enjoys a well-deserved drink after overseeing the organization and set up of the Annual Picnic at Manasota Beach.



Neighborhood Watch

See it! Hear it! Report it!

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency : 941-316-



A Holiday Gem By Angela Theriault

Thanksgiving has passed and we have many pleasant memories of time spent with family and friends. Now as we travel through our community we witness the many holiday decorations that seemed to magically appear after the long weekend. A wreath on the entrance door, holiday displays and, perhaps a window showcasing a beautiful Christmas tree can be seen as we drive through our community. Even the entrance to GVE has been adorned with an array of festive lights, a welcoming site as we come through the entrance. One cannot help getting into the holiday spirit.

No matter how we choose to observe the holidays, let us not lose sight of that neighbor who may be alone during this season of festivities. Sometimes as we join our own friends and family for parties and dinners we tend to forget that neighbor who may be alone. A simple hello, knock on their door to see if there is anything they need, or maybe a call to invite them to a community dinner can go a long way to brighten their day. Any act of kindness will not only put a smile on their faces, but will also reward you with a warm spot in your heart.

Everyone in GVE should be proud of this beautiful community; I know I am. Our neighbors work to make their homes stand out. Volunteers keep the community running efficiently and neighbors watch out for each other every day. This certainly is a special place and we should all be proud of what we possess and how fortunate we are.

May we all find good health and prosperity and I hope the New Year will bring everyone a deeper appreciation of the hidden gem we have, namely GVE.



Manasota Beach Pavilion

**All photographs
contributed by
Don Sussman.
Thank you.**



Chad Wright, Alligator Trapper

