



The Gulf View

Directors January Meeting

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Good news! Only seven residents have not paid their annual dues and of those a couple have experienced extenuating circumstances. The others will now receive a letter from the Association attorney and will be fined plus the late fees owed. The number of owners complying proves that the new rules about late payments and failure to pay are serving the purpose for which they were intended.

Watch for activity in the neighborhood

soon. A new home will be built on a vacant lot on Roosevelt Drive.

A request for a variance was met with a referral to the County since our Association Board has no jurisdiction over setback issues.

The question came up about the Annual Picnic which many of our part-time residents miss. Future discussion may lead to a change of date or planning of two picnics during the year.



Garage Sale February 20

by Linda Sussman

Our annual Garage Sale is close at hand – Saturday, February 20th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. It is a great event whether you are buying or selling. This is the only day in GVE that you set out some of those things cluttering up the house and turn them into cash. We will put an ad in the local papers and homeowners can set up their own tables or band together with neighbors. The cost to participate is \$2.00. On the sale day a representative of GVE will come by and collect the money from each participating household to pay for the ads. At the end of the day we will arrange for a charity organization to pick up anything you have left that you don't want to put

back; just leave it at the curb.

This is a very popular sale with area residents and many will show up on your driveway long before the start time looking for particular items or bargains. Driving and parking in GVE during the sale time is always problematical. Some residents who are not participating choose to leave for the day. Others will put tape and obstacles along their grass to keep the cars off and protect their sprinkler heads. Whatever your plans I wish you success.

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Thought for the Day

"I always read the last page of a book so if I die before I finish it I'll know how it turned out."

~~ Nora Ephron
 American Journalist

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President's Report

By Linda Sussman

One of our staunchest GVE volunteers down through the years has been Ceci (Cecilia) Kueltzo. Her most recent responsibility has been as head of our Events Committee. She has very competently handled our annual Garage Sale, Picnic and the monthly luncheons and dinners for several years. She has decided to sell her home and move into a condo in Sarasota National. She will be sorely missed by everyone from those who walk with her and her dog to those who played Bocce Ball with her at the picnic and all those restaurant reservations she kept straight. The Garage Sale is her swan song and she will mainly be selling off much of the items in her own home. So stop by to thank her for all her work and maybe even buy something.

Saying goodbye to Ceci won't be easy as I have relied on her for so many things. She won't be disappearing entirely from the scene as Sarasota National is just around the corner; but it definitely won't be the same. Nor will her shoes be easy to fill. Bonnie McGuigan is helping this year with the Garage Sale and is willing to take charge of it next year. We will also need one or two people to step up and take charge of the annual picnic next fall. Another important responsibility Ceci had, was to arrange volunteers each month to handle reservations for our monthly ladies luncheon and the family dinners. When for some reason no one volunteered she made the arrangements. Anyone who wants

to step up and take over at least one part of the many responsibilities Ceci handled should just give me a call or send me an e-mail (sussman.linda@gmail.com). I am also interested in any ideas residents might have for other activities as long as you are willing to do the organization for that activity.

This is the month that the late fees are added to the GVE annual assessment for those who have not paid. Compared to almost any other community in Venice our \$190 per year fee is exceptionally low. If you haven't paid yet, please do it immediately to stop the past due notices and potential legal action. One thing I have discovered is that in a few cases there are extenuating circumstances of which the Board is unaware. It is only when the exterior of the property begins to run down or the annual fee has not been paid that we try to find out what is going on. Usually the problem has been going on for some time. If you know of a problem, illness or death of a resident, please let me or your Street Captain know as soon as possible. It can make things easier for the property owner and often will save the Association money as well. It can take some time before the records catch up to the reality.

I want to send a special thank you this Valentines Day to all our residents who paid their dues on time and followed the Association rules. You are the vast majority of people that keep Gulf View Estates looking good day in and day out and make my responsibilities manageable. Keep up the great work.

Bits and Pieces

Calendar of Events

February 20

GVE's Annual Garage Sale will be held throughout the entire community from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. See article on front page for details.

February 25

Community Dinner Night Out, at *Landy's Restaurant*, 1400 Aqua View Lane, Englewood, is planned by Pat DiFrancesca for 6:00 PM. Pat is accepting reservations at 408-8968.

March 3

Ladies Luncheon is arranged by Joanne Veatch at *Farlow's on the Water*, 2080 S. McCall Road, Englewood, at 12:00 noon. Reservations can be made by calling Joanne at 497-1168.

March 31

Community Dinner Night Out will be held at LaStanza, 285 W. Dearborn Street, Englewood, at 6:00 PM. Your host, Earl Legge, will arrange reservations at 408-0470.

All residents of Gulf View Estates are welcome to participate in the monthly luncheons and dinners whether you are renters, part-time residents or year 'round owners. The more the merrier. Get to know your neighbors. You may need them someday.

Pedestrian Safety

By Judy Goffe

I do not speak for all GVE dog walkers, pedestrians or joggers, but this is what I have experienced the last couple of years. Morning walks are beautiful including watching the sunrise, listening to birds sing, hawks calling, and squirrels and rabbits scampering across the road. The fragrance of a flowering plant enhances a pleasant morning, too, when you can say hello to a neighbor, wave to a friend, or receive a courteous nod from a passing motorcyclist. I know it's a law that we should walk facing traffic, however, I choose to walk on the side of the street that is safest for my dog and me. I walk facing traffic as often as I can. Occasionally, while on a daily walk, we have been yelled at... "you are trespassing, get that dog off my lawn" or someone hollering down the street at me "we don't like dogs on our lawn" (my dog was not on their lawn). I am respectful of those requests and avoid walking certain streets or I walk on the other side of the street. Evening walks are more of a concern because motorists just do not see you, even if you are equipped with a flashlight or reflective gear. Frequent walkers and those on bicycles also see two other laws that are not always observed – the speed limit and stopping at stop signs. There are several major intersections that are of concern, so please be aware of pedestrians and bicycles. Let's all make a New Year's resolution to

be more aware and respectful in sharing the roads and keep GVE a safe and enjoyable community.

Our Neighbors

Larry and Carol Sheltra of 1502 Roosevelt Drive would like to thank our neighbors and friends of Gulf View Estates. The outpouring of support and concern was overwhelming during our hospitalization and recovery. It was so comforting to know you were here for us and we appreciate you more than words can say.

Trash Collection

It has become obvious over the last few weeks that the rules for putting out trash, both lawn and recycling, need to be revisited. As written in our EC&Rs, such items are to be placed at the edge of your lawn after 5:00 PM on the day before pickup. In GVE that means Thursday of each week. Containers are to be taken in by 7:00 PM pickup day, Friday. These rules are meant to keep GVE looking neat and attractive which we can all appreciate.

Neighborhood Watch

See it! Hear it! Report it!

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 941-316-1201



GVE ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2016

9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM