



The Gulf View

February Board Meeting

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"Times they are a-changin' and in GVE homes have changed hands. Many new residents have joined our community and we welcome them. We are also losing long-time members who have contributed numerous volunteer hours to the richness and vibrance of our community. Case in point: Ceci Kuelto, who has led the Social and Events Committee for several years. She has organized the Annual Picnic, the Annual Garage Sale and coordinated the monthly luncheons and dinners.

If you have basic organizational skills, the Board is looking for a volunteer to

lead this committee. There is help available from members who have assisted Ceci and the Board handles any monetary needs. If you are interested, please contact any member of the Board.

The SR776 Corridor Plan has surfaced again. Introduced in 2003 by the Sarasota County Planning and Development Services, long-time residents will remember the meetings held to "sell" this plan to people living in the area.

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Member Directory Update

By Linda Sussman

We have been trying to put together an updated and complete online directory for homeowners. It is not as easy as you might think because our name and address list and the list that includes full names, phone numbers, and e-mails are separate and cannot be merged electronically. The management company is working on it manually and will add different streets as they are completed. To make sure it is as up to date as possible and continues to stay correct we must rely on you the residents. If your personal information changes, please send

it to Brian Rivenbark at Sunstate Management. He will then make any necessary changes to the list. Please remember that this is confidential information that is only accessible with the password: *GVE*, all caps. If you don't have access to a computer you might ask a neighbor to print out a copy for you. Remember, at this time the list is incomplete, but we will be working on it over the next few months.



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Thought for the Day

“The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them.”

~~ Robert Frost

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SR776 Corridor Plan

By Linda Sussman

Discussion of planning and development in our area is sure to get many area residents’ attention. So it was not a surprise that almost 100 people crowded into the Lemon Bay Park and Environmental Center on March 1 in response to a notice of a public workshop hosted by the Sarasota County Planning and Development Services department. The stated purpose was to discuss concerns about the SR776 Corridor Plan from Route 41 south to the Charlotte County line.

Turned out that the staff in attendance had no real information or plans to address traffic, development land use or preservation. They were there to hear resident comments, but didn't offer any suggestions on what to do, despite agitated comments and questions from most speakers, especially about traffic. It appeared the gentleman and other staff were sacrificial lambs sent out with no information to share. At no time did they lose their composure. They just listened and asked us to fill out comment sheets. Somehow I think these sheets will just find their way into a file and never be looked at again. It certainly appears that the Planning and County Commissioners never followed through with the original corridor plan that was done in 2003.

Here is the vision as it was stated in 2003: “The overall vision for the S.R. 776 Corridor Plan is founded on four main concepts: Pedestrian friendly development;

A mix of land uses; Eco-tourism and Eco-education; and Economic development with an emphasis on small eco-friendly businesses The vision seeks to transform an 8.5 mile State Road from a typical 4 and 6 lane urban thoroughfare lined with walled subdivisions and strip commercial centers, into a unique corridor by promoting mixed-use compact forms of pedestrian friendly development. The Plan builds upon the exceptional amount of recreational, environmental, cultural and historical resources already found along the Corridor.”

After the formal meeting many of those who attended were really upset at how they received no information or direction on how resident input could be considered with the same level of importance as those of developers. It will be interesting to see how much of our concerns will be included in the report the department will be making to the Board of County Commissioners and how the Commissioners will follow through. If you would like more detailed information and to leave your comments you can go to www.scgov.net/PlanningServices/Pages/Workshops.aspx or www.scgov.net Keyword: Neighborhood Workshops. You can call them at 800-955-8771 or e-mail: planner@scgov.net



Bits and Pieces

Calendar of Events

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 your reservation at 408-0474.

April 7

Ladies Luncheon is planned for the *Lock and Key*, 2045 W. Beach Road, Englewood, at 12:00 noon.

Call your hostess, Lyn McConnell at 496-8687 for reservations.

April 28

Community Dinner Night Out is will be held at *Farlow's on the Water*, 2080 S. McCall Road, Englewood, at 6:00 PM. Call Lyn McConnell, 496-8687, to arrange your reservation.

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.

New Street Captain

By John Canon

We have a new street captain for McKinley Road. Bob Kozuch has announced his retirement. We want to thank Bob for all his years of

great service.

Our new volunteer is Lyn McConnell, who has graciously agreed to serve once again on the committee, this time as Street Captain for McKinley Road.

Safety First

By Tina Glover

Just a reminder: we have more children these days living in GVE. School is in session. I have witnessed a few drivers who aren't as cautious as they could be around the bus stops and children walking to and from them. Please be especially aware of our children as you drive down Roosevelt, Pierce and Washington Drives.

Spring Break is March 14-18. Those children and any visiting grandchildren will be out and about.

Board Meeting continued

It was a dream to say the least, with walkways, seating areas, beautification and a minimum of commercial development. See *State Road 776 Development Plan* by Linda Sussman on Page 2.

A correction to the February issue of *The Gulf View* stating that only seven residents were delinquent on their annual dues: in actuality there were 36 late payment letters sent out by our management company on February 1, 2016. Considering the meager \$190 per year required, this is unacceptable. The Board urges all residents in arrears to pay

immediately or risk the possibility of fines leading to a lien being placed on their homes

Gulf View Estates *Easements, Covenants and Restrictions* (EC&Rs) are drawn up according to the laws of Chapter 720, Florida Statutes, not to be confused with laws governing condominium associations.

The newsletter will be highlighting a portion of those documents each month to help educate residents and remind everyone of the responsibilities assumed when buying into the GVE community.

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A Bit o' the Irish



A man hired a Kerryman as an assistant to take phone calls. One day the phone rang and when the Kerry man answered

he hung up immediately.

"Who was that?", asked his boss.

"Some fool saying it was a long distance from New York. I told him everybody knew that."

Neighborhood Watch

See it! Hear it! Report it!

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 941-316-1201

It's That Time of Year!

By Angela Theriault



The traffic has increased in the state of Florida. We notice it the minute we leave our community. A short drive to a local restaurant takes a little longer most of the time during the day. Recently, as I tried to drive to the Ladies Luncheon, it took an extra ten minutes while I waited for the traffic signal at the intersection of Jacaranda to turn twice, and at the next traffic signal to turn three times before I was able to access US 41.

I will admit, my first thoughts about the traffic were not kind. But, I just realized I had to relax and enjoy the day. I turned the music up just a bit louder and let out a little sigh. It was a beautiful day to put things in perspective. All this traffic equates to busier restaurants and stores. As the merchants smile to the noise of the cash registers, they continue to provide us with beautiful establishments to enjoy for the other 75% of the year with little or no traffic. Surely, I can share the roads for a short while, after all, we residents do get the better of the deal. We get to enjoy the lovely city of Venice when it is less crowded and get to drive US 41 at a slower pace.

And, so, it brings me to our beautiful community of GVE. As we are aware of the change in traffic patterns in the area and the construction of power lines on Route 776, I would like to remind the residents who must leave the community each morning to be careful on our streets. We are all aware of the new, but temporary traffic patterns and it is the responsibility of all of us to obey the posted speed and respect the safety of our walkers.

Plan ahead, leave a few minutes earlier and drive slowly in GVE. Let us all strive to keep our community safe.



Squatter's Rights!

Photo provided by
Bonnie McGuigen

EASEMENTS, COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS
FOR GULF VIEW ESTATES

ARTICLE III
Use Restrictions

The use of the properties located in these subdivisions shall be in accordance with the following provision.

1. Unsightly Objects—Visible Storage. All refuse and trash containers, outside clothes lines as permitted by law, oil or propane gas tanks, water softening equipment, air conditioners, permanent generators, swimming pool filter, pumps, and other similar items, must be underground or hidden from view of all neighboring Lots by a landscaped hedge, shrubs, wall, or fence, of sufficient height and length to conceal the equipment.
2. Trash Collection. The Owners of all Lots shall place their garbage and rubbish in sanitary disposal containers. Garbage containers, refuse or landscape debris shall not be put out for collection until after 5:00 PM of the evening before collection and returned by 7:00 PM of the evening of collection per Sarasota County ordinance. Dumping or placement of trash, refuse, grass cuttings or hard debris of any kind on any Lot or common property grounds within the subdivisions is prohibited.

Note: These documents are available in their entirety on the GVE website and may be obtained from the Association management company, Sunstate Association Management Group listed on Page 1 of this publication.

Next month a review of the rules governing the parking of cars.