



The Gulf View

Board Meeting Held March 16

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The Annual Garage Sale was a success. Even though the Committee was unable to secure a charity pickup of leftovers, there were 71 participating families. The charity organizations balked at the cost charged for disposal of items they chose not to re-sell or re-purpose.

The \$2.00 fee, collected by John and Marie Canon and Bonnie McGuigan, covered the total cost of advertising in The Gondolier Sun and the Herald Tribune.

Sadly, there are still 11 homeowners

who remain in arrears in their annual fees. Many of them are the same recalitrants who refuse to pay up every year and hold out until threatened by fines and liens on their property.

All residents need to be aware that the new construction around GVE has caused animals to be displaced. The coyotes are on the move looking for food and a new place to live. One owner spotted a panther recently.

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President's Report

By Linda Sussman

I am pleased to report that all the work to upgrade the front entrance has now been completed. Not only the most obvious plantings and mulching, but also the things you really don't see that are critical to the smooth operation of our entrance including the new electrical and irrigation. We replaced and upgraded infrastructure that was more than 20 years old. A thank you to the Board of Directors members who made sure each part went well. As usual, we extend a special thank you to Ed Kowalski who

not only met with contractors, but took up a paintbrush to repaint the lettering on the front entrance wall.

Now that spring has arrived it seems even here in Florida the flowers, shrubs and trees have brightened up and are looking their best. Driving around GVE I notice that individual properties are looking great and I can see lots of people hard at work on lawns and gardens. Let's all keep up the great work and continue to be a showplace.

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Thought for the Day

“April is the month when the green returns to the lawn, the trees and the Internal Revenue Service.”

~ Evan Esar

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AMENDED DECLARATIONS OF EASEMENTS, COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

Gulf View Estates October 2012

ARTICLE III

Use Restrictions

6. **Parking and Prohibited Vehicles.** All vehicles must be parked on driveways or in garages and shall not be parked otherwise on yards or Lots at any time. No vehicles may be parked on the streets within the subdivisions between the hours of 11:00 p. m. in the evening and 6:00 a.m. the next morning, Sarasota, Florida, local time.

(a) No vehicle may be repaired in open view of any Lot Owner from any angle within the subdivisions except within a garage.

(b) Vehicles not registered to operate on public roads as required by Florida law, trucks over 3/4 ton, commercial vehicles, vehicles with commercial writing on their exteriors or with commercial equipment visible, vehicles primarily used or designed for commercial purposes, tractors, mobile homes, recreation vehicles or equipment, trailers (either with or without wheels), camper trailers, boats and other water craft, and boat trailers, shall be parked only in enclosed garages.

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

Next month: a review of the rules governing animals.

Bits and Pieces

Calendar of Events

April 20

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the *Jacaranda Library*, 3951 Woodmere Boulevard, Venice, at 2:00 PM. All residents are welcome to attend to get updates on Association business.

April 28

Community Dinner Night Out is at *Farlow's on the Water*, 2080 S. McCall Road, Englewood, at 6:00 PM. Please call your hostess, Lyn McConnell at 496-8687 for reservations.

May 5

The Ladies Luncheon is planned for *The Shamrock Café*, 759 Shamrock Boulevard, Venice, at 12:00 noon. Your hostess, Barbara Kopp, is taking reservations at 493-3735.

May 26

Community Dinner Night Out will be held at *Left Coast Seafood Company*, 385 US Hwy. 41, Venice, at 6:00 PM. Barbara Kopp will accept reservations at 493-3735.

Please remember to call your hostess to reserve a place at all events. The restaurants require a head count in order to serve groups.

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These animals are not to be approached. They are wild and dangerous. They have been uprooted and have less and less natural habitat to occupy.

The fountain lights in the front ponds are being examined for repair. The project will be funded by monies from the 2015 Budget.

The old, dilapidated US Postal Service mailboxes that line Pierce and Roosevelt Drives are being addressed by Angela Theriault. Response from the postal service is slow and intermittent. Perhaps complaints to the Postmaster from some of our residents would help oil a "squeaky wheel".

The hall has been reserved for the Annual Homeowners Meeting on December 7, 2016.



Rapalo Development

The new neighborhood being built next door to GVE is showing more signs of progress. There is now a building (home?) rising on a back lot. The area has been graded and prepared for building.

This project means annoyances, particularly for the GVE homeown-

ers whose lots back up to it. There is the usual dirt blowing in the wind and the noise of machinery every day. It's extremely annoying but temporary.

Turtle Nesting Season

Starting around May 1st, Manasota Key hosts more nesting Sea Turtles than any other place on the Gulf Coast. All Sea Turtles nesting on our beaches are threatened or endangered. To protect them, please:

- Fill in holes and knock down sand castles before leaving the beach.
- Pick up your trash. Birds and sea creatures mistake it for food, eat it and die.
- No lights on the beach after dark except Red or LED.



For more information on Sea Turtles in Sarasota county:

<https://www.scgov.net/ResourceProtection/Pages/SeaTurtle.aspx>

Neighborhood Watch

See it! Hear it! Report it!

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 941-316-1201

Do You Really See?

By Angela Theriault



While we have beauty all year long, as spring begins you can see the plants and bushes come alive with new blooms. The palms seem to look a brighter green and new growth is abundant. We have many well maintained homes here in our community. Amaryllis plants stand straight and offer bright colors of red and orange in many yards. Our neighbors cut and trim, weed and feed, while enjoying the outdoors and the finished look.

Then there are people like me who opt to give that job to the professional. Not able to kneel down any longer, and refusing to create a one-of-a-kind picture by bending over from the waist, I am very happy to applaud the results my young friends get after spending time doing the job for me. Many of my plants and bushes were put in twenty or thirty years ago, so these young men have been replacing them. What a surprise to learn that the roots have grown around the irrigation pipes! But, when you have a true professional, they take care of replacing the pipes. It is amazing the amount of debris that they remove to their vehicle.

Take some time, slow down, and view the neighborhood. Maybe you will want “the look” that a neighbor has provided with a few plants or an ornament in their front yard. Maybe you’re content with what you have, but will find the time to compliment your neighbor on his endeavors. Maybe it will just move you to appreciate all that we have here in GVE.

I noticed so many pretty, well-kept homes as I drove around GVE over the weekend.

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Snowbirds are beginning to pack up and head north. On one side we are really sorry to see you go, we enjoy your company and will miss you now that the weather is just hitting its peak and the Gulf temperatures are warming up. As I am sure many have told you, once all you snowbirds leave us, year-rounders will heave a sigh of relief that we won't have to wait forever to get onto 776 from our entrance (after all there is only so much you want to enjoy our plantings) and we can go to our favorite restaurants without making reservations days in advance. But we do hope that you will come back again in the fall – maybe a little earlier for the GVE annual picnic in November. Even when you are far from us, please keep in touch and make sure a friend or neighbor can keep a weather eye on your property in case there is a problem.

On a different subject I would like to thank the vast majority of homeowners in GVE who paid their annual fee on time. This saves us lots of undue expense

and effort in writing past due notices, letters and even phone calls. This year we have done well, but as always there are a few who ignore our entreaties and who have to be tracked down. When all else fails we must go the lawyer route, but eventually we get our money and our late fees. When the lawyers get involved this not only costs GVE, but it costs lots more for the property owner. The lawyer fees can cost more than our annual fee. So if for any reason you haven't yet paid your 2016 fee, please send your check to the Sunstate Management Group today and halt the overdue process.



In response to a request, the article below is the history of the Gulf View Estates development given by Jim Henry at the December 2015 Annual Homeowners meeting. Jim has served on the Board of Directors previously and is now serving as Vice-President. He has taken an active role in the improvements made over the last few years.

Over 30 years ago, when Gulf View Estates was first built, it was the only upscale neighborhood south of Venice. The homes were once called Executive Homes, larger with luxury features not found in a typical South Venice house.

Over the years, we have been surrounded by newer, fancier neighborhoods, some with security gates, sidewalks, waterfalls and impressive entry drives leading to modern, architecturally-creative home designs.

A couple years ago, as I noticed all this, I became concerned that we were entering the inevitable, declining neighborhood phase. Gulf View Estates was starting to look a little dated with virtually no upgrading in 20 years and the same original 80's era house colors.

I seriously considered moving rather than ride our biggest financial asset down like a losing stock.

Then something surprising happened. While out walking the dog, my wife met a nurse who lived in Ventura Village, who said, "Oh, you live in that *really nice* neighborhood."

I thought, Wow! She lives in a *real* gated community, all *brand new homes* with *sidewalks* and she thinks we are the *really nice* neighborhood?

I started to take a closer look at these new neighborhoods, even visiting a few homes. And then I looked at ours again. Residents were starting to repaint with fresh, new color combinations.

The deed restrictions I used to consider too rigid, had had the intended effect of keeping us looking nice.

In the past few years this Board has improved our neighborhood with an addition raising the height of the front wall which gives us more privacy from the highway, new benches by the lakes, new signage all around, new landscaping, new tall trees along the entry road, upgraded night lighting on the tall palms in the center island and tasteful Christmas lighting at the entrance.

Everything we do is to give Gulf View Estates, in real estate jargon, "good curb appeal". If we *look* like an upscale neighborhood, then we *are* an upscale neighborhood. Perception is everything and it will translate into higher property values for all of us when it's time to sell.

You know what? After 33 years, we still look good!