



The Gulf View

President's Report

By Linda Sussman

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The weather has been so lovely that more and more of us are out strolling the neighborhood. Not the "I need more exercise" kind of walk, but one where you check out your surroundings, smell the flowers and talk to others. The result has been more people asking more questions of the Board about GVE.

At the last Board meeting we talked about how often over the years different people bring up the same questions, but really want different answers. I am going to put together an FAQ page for the web site and will put some of the information periodically into the newsletter. So you can e-mail me questions or information you would like included.

GVE is a deed restricted community with a set of EC&Rs (Easements, Covenants and Restrictions). You are supposed get a copy when you purchase your property and are bound by these documents above and beyond State and County regulations. If you can't find your copy, you can get it off the website at any time.

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Bowfishing in Our Ponds

This article was found on Facebook by a GVE resident:

Regarding BOWFISHING in our ponds, many of us were concerned about the safety of this sport. I contacted the Sarasota County Sheriff about it for direction on how to handle this. This morning I was visited by Deputy Coleman who told me it was illegal except for certain kinds of fish, but that if the fishermen did not live here, they should not be here. We are asked to call the Non-emergency phone number 941-361-1201 and the Sheriff's office will send someone over

to check the fishermen and ask for ID and direct them to leave if they do not live here. They will also send a Patrol around now and again.

Please feel free to contact this NON-EMERGENCY number 941-316-1201 when you next see these fishermen.

Note: non-gamefish including fresh water mullet, gar, tilapia and catfish are legal to take with bow and arrow on a regular fresh water license with the exception of alligator gar and grass carp which are both protected.

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Thought for the Day

*“There are two days about
 which nobody should ever worry,
 and these are yesterday and
 tomorrow.”*

~~ Robert Jones Burdette

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AMENDED DECLARATIONS OF EASEMENTS, COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

Gulf View Estates October 2012

ARTICLE III

Use Restrictions

6. Animals. Dogs and cats may be kept in the subdivisions. Dogs must be kept on a leash and in visual range of the person walking a dog at all times when outdoors, all in accordance with Sarasota County ordinances. Other usual and common household pets which remain indoors at all times are permitted. No food or farm animals, such as, but not limited to, chickens, pigs, goats or sheep, are permitted on a Lot. No pets are permitted to endanger health, make objectionable noise, or constitute a nuisance or inconvenience to others.

(a) Permitted pets may not be kept in a number or manner as to be a nuisance to neighbors. In no event, shall any permitted pet be kept, bred or maintained for any commercial use or purpose.

(b) Pet Owners shall be responsible for cleaning up any refuse created by the animals, whether on their property, other property in the neighborhood, or public streets in the Subdivisions.

(c) No outside animal runs or pens are permitted.

Bits and Pieces

Calendar of Events

May 18

The Board of Directors monthly meeting will be held at the *Jacaranda Library* at 2:00 PM. All residents are invited to attend.

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.

June 2

Ladies Luncheon is planned by Barbara Kopp at *Abbey's* (formerly Althea's), 220 Miami Avenue, Venice, at 12:00 noon.

Please call Barbara at 493-3735 for your reservation.

June 23

Community Dinner Night Out is arranged for *Myakka River Oyster Bar*, 121 Playmore Drive, Venice, at 6:00 PM. Barbara Kopp is accepting reservations at 493-3735.



Driver Safety Course

The opportunity presented itself via my auto insurance renewal notice. I am a more confident driver as a result.

AARP sponsored their Driver Safety course at the Senior Friendship Center April 20, 2016. Go online at www.aarp.org/drive for class times and locations.

It was a very instructive class led by an experienced volunteer teacher. The most valuable information I gleaned from it was simple instructions on circumnavigating the infamous round-a-bout.



And simple it is: when you enter the circle you stay in the outside lane only if you are immediately leaving it at the first exit. If you are going around more than one exit, you must take the inside lane and use your turn signal when you reach your exit. Tip: do not waffle from one lane to another.

My auto insurance provides me a discount upon submittal of proof that I attended this class. This is the second time for me. You must renew the certificate every three years.

It's worth every minute of the six hours invested.

Your Editor

On the Road Again . . .

May is the month I most enjoy in Venice, and October, of course. It is also the time of year when memories call me back to my "other life", that is, before I retired.

Reluctantly, I will fly back to New England at the end of the month to my children, grandchildren and three new great-grandchildren.

It is a journey into another way of life and a very good one. Looking back recently, I realized that my husband and I moved to Gulf View Estates eighteen years ago and I have edited *The Gulf View* since 2001. It has evolved somewhat, but could be improved a great deal with more ideas and contributions from our residents.

Enjoy a healthy and happy summer. I look forward to being back on the job in September.

Your Editor



Neighborhood Watch

See it! Hear it! Report it!

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 941-316-1201



Mail Station Update

By Angela Theriault

I am happy to report that a new mail station was installed on the corner of Monroe and Roosevelt last weekend. After months dealing with the postal department, the replacement was made, not because of my involvement, but due to the station being knocked to the ground by a vehicle. In case you wonder, no, it wasn't my vehicle. I did ask for a new station and/or receptacle, but quite frankly it would not be worth damaging my car for one thing, and second, it is a Federal offense and I don't look good in stripes.

The station on the corner of Adams and Roosevelt was replaced by the post office's repair division also on Saturday. The same crew that replaced the box at the corner of Monroe, noticed that someone had placed a stick under the station there to hold it up. After surveying the unsteady station, they replaced it to rectify a dangerous situation. Upon checking with our HOA president, I find the vote of thanks goes to Ed Kowalski for going out of his way to act and secure the station temporarily. Thanks Ed! I am sure the residents of Adams Road are happy! (This station was on the original list I sent to the postal department as being quite rusted and in need of repair.)

Residents on Monroe and Adams were given new keys. Some received new box numbers. New, or changes of box numbers occur due to modern sorting procedures in the postal system that have come about since these stations were originally installed years ago. I was given no formula as to why, by the repair crew; just a "heads-up" that some box numbers could change when the sorting at the post office was completed. My box number changed, but my neighbors' did not. Luck of the draw, I guess.



The crew that did this work informed me that the new box on Monroe cost \$1,100.00. The requests we put in are sent to their district office (probably somewhere "in the cloud") and being very frugal, are only replaced when they can no longer be repaired.

I am presently working on replacement for the mail station at the corner of Lincoln and Roosevelt. This was on the original list, but not resolved. I have received no other complaints.

Regarding dirty and/or moldy boxes: I was told to advise all residents that the postal department does not wash the stations. Their best advice to residents is to spray the station with CLOROX CLEAN-UP and rub with a small handled bath mop: then rinse with clear water.

Going forward, perhaps those of us who can take a few minutes and clean our station twice a year, do so in keeping with the pride of ownership that has been the foundation of GVE since its inception.

For concerns regarding mail station problems, you can visit the post office annex between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, or email me at astheriault@snet.net or call me directly at 941-497-6761.

President's Report continued

Unlike many other communities in our area, we own almost no land. The county owns the roads and the easements on either side and is responsible for them. If any property owner improves the water runoff in the easement with a pipe to the ponds as many owners were once encouraged to do, then you become responsible for it, not the County nor the Homeowners Association.

While we maintain the grassy strip between Pierce Road and the ponds, it is actually owned by Pennington Place. We thought we owned it until the developers of Pennington Place pointed out they owned it and needed it for the density they wanted on their land. An agreement was made with the County that they would provide a buffer of natural vegetation on their side and the two fountains at the east end of the ponds. They did get permission to remove the invasive trees – the peppers and the dead stuff at the east end on their side. We have written permission to cut the grass, trim the trees along the strip and put in the benches, *but we do not own it!*

For those who missed the discussions about extending the wall: we don't own the land beyond the north end of the wall so we would have to get permission from the State and utilities for anything we wanted to do. Then assume all the costs of extending the wall and maintaining it – not something many of our residents want to undertake.

Another popular issue is a clubhouse for GVE. At one time we had an opportunity to purchase what was the old water treatment facility off Roosevelt Drive. It was decided not to go ahead and the property was sold to an individual and is not part of GVE. Since then no other land has become available and there has been a strong consensus that residents do not want to spend the money to buy it or to maintain such a facility.

I am always learning new things about GVE as well as what we as a Board can or can't do. We are also always looking for residents who have new ideas and are willing to step up and volunteer to help by attending Board meetings, volunteering to serve on the Board or take on a special project.



Volunteers place aqua-plants along the banks of the ponds to help prevent erosion.