



The Gulf View

President's Report

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By Linda Sussman

The turkey soup has been served up with the last of the Thanksgiving leftovers, the holiday lights are twinkling and shopping has begun in earnest as we count down to the new year 2017. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the very best for this holiday season and thank everyone who has helped keep things running smoothly in Gulf View Estates during 2016. If not for the volunteers I could never do this job.

I hope I will see you at the Annual Meeting on December 7th. It is the one time during the year that you really need to be a good member of GVE by voting on our Budget and meeting our new Board. I think you all know the drill. If you can't make the meeting you must at least return your Proxy before the start of the meeting at 7:00 PM so we meet the necessary quorums. I know that very few of you ever come to a Board meeting; but do come to the Annual Meeting and tell us what we are doing right or wrong or what you think our priorities should be in 2017. After all we even serve coffee and goodies at the Annual Meeting.

Keeping our annual fee at \$190 requires a team of volunteers from Block Captains to Board members and we would really like you to join the team even in just a small way whether you are new to our area or long time residents who can finally find a few hours here and there to help.

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Picnic Great Success

By Bonnie McGuigan

The GVE Annual Picnic was a total success. We had 90 community attendees, a record number!

Everyone enjoyed the food, music and the weather was so nice for our special day. Thank you all for your delicious pot luck dishes and treats. Also, thanks to all of the volunteers, cooks and

cleanup crew, especially Rich Delco, Jim Gillespie and John Canon. A beautiful and tasty smorgasbord was enjoyed by all. We hope to see you again next year along with many other neighbors joining us. I had such a good time working this event, I will be the Chairperson again in 2017. Happy Holidays to all my GVE friends and neighbors.

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Thought for the Day

“Though times and seasons ever change, and friends grow scarce and few, may each succeeding Christmas bring fresh hopes and joys to you.”

~~ Mansell

2016 Board of Directors

President	Linda Sussman	408-9486
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Shortage of Opinions

The response to the request for opinions regarding the expansion of driveways in GVE was not what you could call overwhelming. It generated a reply from three families who do not want to see their carefully chosen neighborhood become a parking lot.

The GVE newsletter is appreciated by those who read it. Those who don't bother are the ones who come occasionally to a monthly meeting only to complain about a personal issue. It is a poor reflection on our population. If you are observant enough to notice the amount of new building going on around us, you know that green-space in these new neighborhoods is nearly non-existent. It is carefully planned around "lakes" which are required holding ponds. Every possible square foot is built on with as much density as the law will allow. In contrast, GVE has beautiful lawns surrounding every home; trees and flowering shrubs planted, not to hide the unsightly, but to enhance the surroundings.

If you feel this issue is not important, perhaps you are living in the wrong place. Below one example of emails submitted:

Gulf View Estates EC&R's

After reading your article in the November issue about the EC&R's, we can honestly say that these rules played a major role in us buying our lot to build our future home. There is nothing more frustrating than to see these rules totally disregarded. We realize there is a fine line between too rigid and too lenient in the enforcement aspect, but we have to have these rules enforced. I do not believe the new residents are receiving these rules; too many of them seem totally surprised when they are mentioned. What part of " deed restricted community" do you not understand?



The enforcement of the ECR's is what makes us an older but more charming community and they keep our property values stable. Right now if you walk through the neighborhood there are cars parked in driveways with all flat tires, no license tags, dogs running loose on properties, some properties with so much dog waste on the front lawn you would swear a horse lived there; cars and trailers are parked on the street. These are just a few things I didn't bargain for when deciding to make GVE our home.

Bits and Pieces

Calendar of Events

December 7

The Annual Homeowners Meeting will convene at *United Church of Christ*, 620 Shamrock Boulevard, Venice, at 6:30 PM for registration; the meeting will be brought to order at 7:00 PM.

Calendar for 2017

January 5

Ladies Luncheon, hosted by Linda Sussman, will be held at *Café Evergreen*, 801 South Tamiami Trail, Nokomis, at 12:00 noon. Call Linda at 408-9486 for reservations.

January 26

Community Dinner Night Out is planned for *Darrell's Restaurant*, 215 South Tamiami Trail, Venice, at 6:00 PM. All residents are welcome. Call Linda Sussman for reservations at 408-9486 or sussman.linda@gmail.com

January 18

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

February 18

The Annual Garage Sale for the GVE community will be held on February 18, 2017. "Out with the old and in with the new." Start

gathering your "stuff". There will be a \$2.00 advertising fee for each participating household. If you would like to help collect this fee on the day of the event, volunteers are needed. Please call Bonnie McGuigan, (941-375-8597).



Back Flow Preventers

Many GVE residents received a letter from the Sarasota County Public Utilities Department regarding backflow preventer operational testing. If you do not have either a well or irrigation system you do not need this test and you should check with the County. For the rest of us, it is a requirement. After speaking to several of the listed companies GVE made an arrangement with Mack Renick Plumbing Inc., located at 620 Bayshore Road, Nokomis, phone 941-223-0655. If you contact this company directly and tell them you live in Gulf View Estates they will arrange the testing and paperwork for a cost of \$35. This will include the cost of minor repairs, if necessary, but not a total replacement.

Somehow we can always rely on the County to provide surprises for our quiet life.

Security News

By Tina Glover

It is that time year, both wonderful and not so much. I was informed of some car burglaries that apparently happened overnight on Friday, November 25th. If you do happen to have a crime committed against you or your property, always contact the police. Getting a report on file with the police keeps us on the police radar. Please LOCK your car doors! Double check and check again. They were most likely looking for money, one person had left their wallet in their car. The police have been contacted. There is always higher crime at this time of year. If you shop online or use credit cards out and about, take a good look at your bill when it arrives. Don't be fearful, but please do be cautious and enjoy your holidays. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Suggestions from the Board of Directors:

- Keep vehicles in the garage whenever possible even if it means cleaning out other storage.
- Remove all valuables and anything else visible from the windows.
- LOCK your vehicle.

Neighborhood Watch

See it! Hear it! Report it!

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 941-316-1201

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But life in GVE is much more than volunteering and work. It is also about having fun and getting together with friends and neighbors. One example was the Annual Picnic, but there is more.

Each month a group of residents get together for dinner at a local restaurant. If you have never attended you are missing out on an entertaining evening. A member chooses a restaurant and acts as host and/or hostess. Anyone who wants to attend just calls the host to have their name added to the list. You show up, choose your food and drink from the restaurant menu and pay your bill individually. Conversation and merriment are up to the participants. Please see Calendar of Events on Page 3.

It is a great opportunity to meet neighbors. Just call me, as I am the January hostess, 408-9486, to be added to the reservation list. Carpooling is always a good idea; especially if you know someone who might like to go, but doesn't want to drive.

At one time we also had a ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) lunch group, but it has been dormant for several years. Perhaps this is the year you retired men will start it up again. Certainly the ladies have been having a great time at their luncheons and there is no reason you men should miss out. If you are interested give me a call and maybe we can start something.

The Annual Garage Sale is now scheduled for Saturday February 18th, under the leadership of Bonnie McGuigan. As you clean out for the new year or to make room for the new holiday gifts you received remember this is your one chance during the year to hold a garage/yard sale. We do the advertising and collect \$2 for every home who participates. It is a busy and happening time here in GVE.

