



The Gulf View

Matching Grant Program

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By Angela Theriault

I read an announcement in the Venice Gondolier recently regarding the Sarasota County's Initiative Grant Program (NIGP) that provides matching grants of up to \$10,000. Homeowner Associations located in Sarasota County may apply.

The application process required a neighborhood representative to attend a mandatory Neighborhood

Grant Workshop to be certified. This workshop gives the attendee the background information concerning rules and regulations of the Grant process. I understand that GVE benefited from this program with aqua planting to prevent erosion of the pond banks and earlier repair to the front wall. On December 8th, with the President's encouragement, I attended the workshop as the representative for GVE and received certification.

At the Board Meeting held January 18th I gave the following information:

Should we come up with an idea for something to improve the community, I would have to research the best practices, regulator obligations and costs; and determine how to make our idea match the County's guidelines. Feed-

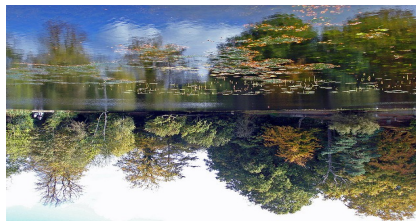
back from the Sarasota County staff is received with comments, and the neighborhood is given the opportunity to respond. If need be, the County sends a staff member to view the project that is presented. Once the staff person approves the project the completed application form is presented to

the Neighborhood Initiative Grant Advisory Committee (NIGAC) for approval. A representative from GVE would be able to be present at the meeting. The applica-

tions are scored on Public Benefit, Neighborhood Support, Community Need, and Community Strengthening. The Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approves the applications.

At the December meeting the question of a security camera at the front gate was suggested. Later another suggestion was given to me for a walkway along the water. I brought this information to the Board meeting in January and both ideas were found to be not feasible after a short discussion.

If anyone has an idea to improve our community and/or the lives of its residents, please speak to one of the Board members or call me, Angela Theriault on 941-497-6761. Your suggestions and ideas are always welcome and very much appreciated.



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Thought for the Day

“Mix a little foolishness with your plans. It is lovely to be silly at the right moment.”

~~ Horace

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Response to Opinion Poll:

My opinion on the parking situation: I am against any deviation from the ECRs here in Gulf View Estates. The recent decision by the Board of Directors to allow parking in the cul-de-sac at the end of Roosevelt Drive has set a dangerous precedent. Once you start allowing special exceptions of any type, more requests are sure to follow. I moved to Gulf View Estates based partially on the fact that it was a Deed Restricted Community. I liked the idea of no cars parked on the street overnight, no advertising allowed on vehicles in the driveways, no fences on properties, no overgrown landscaping and all the other restrictions that keep our neighborhood clean and neat. Please, no special exceptions to any of the ECRs, and enforce the ones that are in place.

Of the few responses received, none were in favor of granting exceptions to the EC&Rs.

President’s Message

By Linda Sussman

This is season and definitely a busy time of year in Gulf View Estates. I regularly receive calls and e-mails about problems and issues in our community. But they are not often quick and easy fixes. We have a compliance process that begins when we receive a complaint from a resident or we discover something on our regular management “drive a-rounds.”

The issue is brought up and discussed at the following monthly Board meeting. If we agree there is an issue, a formal letter is sent out to the individual homeowner asking them to correct the problem. In most cases that is the end; it is corrected or we receive further information about what is going on and when it will be corrected.

If the homeowner doesn't at least contact the management company or a member of the Board by phone, e-mail or letter to acknowledge they have received our notice of the violation of our Easements,

Covenants and Restrictions by the following Board meeting, a second letter is sent out. Then if the problem still hasn't been resolved the Board will take action, usually to impose a fine on the property owner dating back to the date the first letter was sent out. The Board decision is then sent on to the Compliance Committee composed of several residents. They invite the owner and hold a formal hearing. Then they either accept, reject or modify the Board's decision. If the property owner still doesn't respond and correct the problem we will turn it over to our lawyer.

When property owners ignore their responsibilities to our Gulf View Estates Homeowner Association we will always take action, but as you can see it doesn't happen overnight and can be expensive for the Association and the property owner. Even if it is a renter causing the problem it is the responsibility of the property owner to correct the issue and where necessary to evict the renter.

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Bits and Pieces

Calendar of Events

February 18

The Annual Garage Sale for the GVE community will held on Saturday, February 18th. See flyer on Page 4. Call Bonnie McGuigan at 375-8597 if you have any questions.

February 15

The Board Of Directors monthly meeting will be held at 2:00 PM at the *Jacaranda Library*. Please consider attending, particularly if you have any ideas, suggestions or questions.

February 23

Community Night Out is planned by Pat DiFrancesca at *LaStanza Ristorante*, 285 Dearborn Street, Englewood at 6:00 PM. Please be certain to call Pat for reservations at 408-8968.

March 2

Ladies Luncheon is planned for *Popi's*, 648 S. Tamiami Trail (The Rialto Plaza), Venice, at 12:00 noon. Please contact your host, Carole Armstrong, at 493-2965 for reservations.

March 30

Community Dinner Night Out will be held at *The British Open Pub*, 367 Jacaranda Boulevard, Venice,

at 6:00 PM. Carole Armstrong is your host and will accept reservations at 493-2965.

Note: Recently a restaurant was scrambling to seat an overflowing number of GVE diners, several of whom had not made reservations. It's important that a business knows how many patrons they must accommodate for space and food preparations.

Hosts are looking for suggestions for new restaurants or venues for the luncheons and dinners. If you have ideas, call Linda Sussman at 408-9480. She will pass it on.

President continued

The other issue on your Board's agenda at this time of year is collecting our annual \$190 per year fee. The 2017 bills went out shortly after our Annual Meeting in December and were due within 30 days. Those who have not paid by the end of January are considered late. The second invoice will include a \$25 late fee. Our homeowner fees are among the very lowest in Florida. Please don't put off payment and incur late fees or, if we have to turn the bill over for collection, even more charges. For the last two years we have managed to collect from owners – although we have to wait sometimes when a property is foreclosed upon. This year, as of the end of January, 50 homeowners have not paid any of their 2017 fees. A big thank you is

due everyone who has met their GVE responsibility. It would be really nice if those who have not yet mailed the check could pay their fee by the end of February. It would save everyone lots of time and effort.

Reminders

Parents are reminded that children need careful supervision when playing outside. Drivers are also reminded to be aware and extra cautious when driving the streets of GVE. Our children are more precious than the two minutes you might save by exceeding our speed limit of 25mph.



All residents are warned that bobcats and panthers are occasionally seen in Venice.

They usually shun human contact, but there are exceptions. They are wild animals and are dangerous if threatened. If you spot any, do not approach them.

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 12, 2017

Neighborhood Watch

See it! Hear it! Report it!

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 941-316-1201



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017

9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

THIS IS YOUR ONCE A YEAR OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAN THE GARAGE, ATTIC AND CLOSETS AND MAKE A LITTLE MONEY ON THE STUFF YOU NO LONGER NEED OR WANT!

FOR EACH PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLD, A \$1.00 DONATION WILL BE COLLECTED TO COVER THE COST OF ADVERTISING IN THE SARASOTA HERALD TRIBUNE AND GONDOLIER SUN.

HEAVY TRAFFIC IS EXPECTED. BE AWARE. ROPE OFF YOUR LAWNS AND DRIVEWAYS IF YOU WISH. THERE WILL BE NO PICKUP OF ITEMS LEFT AFTER THE SALE. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THEM AT THE CURB UNTIL THURSDAY AFTER 5:00 PM FOR THE USUAL SCHEDULED TRASH PICKUP.

QUESTIONS? CALL BONNIE McGUIGAN 375-8597.