



# The Gulf View

## Board Meeting April 19

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Regretfully, the GVE Board voted to accept the resignation of our Vice President, Jim Henry. He led the efforts to enhance the front entrance with newly planted palm trees, shrubs, and flowers. The plan also included the decorative street lamps which now grace the center island and either side of the driveway. Jim served well in his time on the Board and he will be missed.

Rich Delco led the April meeting and the agenda was covered in an hour. There were a few items which were tabled awaiting the return of President, Linda Sussman.

Estimates were reviewed for the wash, repair and painting of the front wall. It will be done this spring by *City in Color*, a company recommended by our property manager who contracted with them to refurbish another property managed by Sunstate.

Thirteen past-due notices were mailed out last month to owners who have yet to pay the annual fee. Six of those responded; the others will be contacted by our GVE lawyer.

The next Board Meeting will be held May 17th at 2:00 PM at the Jacaranda Library.



## Read Your Water Bill

Did you know you can receive important information via phone, text or email? Visit [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net) and click on CodeRED Notification under Emergency Services. Call 941-861-5000 for more information.

Irrigation Restrictions: Even-numbered addresses are allowed to water only on Tuesdays. Odd-numbered addresses can water on Thursdays only. No irrigation is permitted on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday and between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM on any day for most properties.

View the current Water Quality Report

online at:  
[www.scgov.net/waterqualityreport](http://www.scgov.net/waterqualityreport).

This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. To have a copy mailed to you, call 941-861-6790.

The reverse side of the bill offers even more valuable information.

The GVE ECR&Rs also provide information regarding the use of water in Sarasota County.



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**Thought for the Day**

*“The weathercock on the church  
 spire, though made of iron,  
 would soon be broken by the  
 storm wind if it did not  
 understand the noble art of  
 turning to every wind.”*

~ ~ Heinrich Heine

2017 Board of Directors		
President	Linda Sussman	408-9486
V. President		
Secretary	Bonnie McGuigan	375-8597
Treasurer	Fred Noren	882-4543
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Events/Social		
Street Capt. Coord.	John Canon	496-7903

**Time for Reflection**

By Angela Theriault

There are times when we all feel overwhelmed by our hectic lives, a stressful job, car repairs, plumbing repairs, that appliance that you did not expect to replace at this time. The list can be exhausting! Perhaps the following poem will remind us all of the importance of thinking of others even when we are experiencing difficulties in our own lives

Did you waste the day, or lose it; was it well or sorely spent?

Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say,

You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today.

**At Days End**

By John Hall

Is anybody happier because you passed his way?  
 Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?  
 The day is almost over and its toiling time is through;  
 Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word to you?  
 Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast,  
 That you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?  
 Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?  
 Does the man whose hopes were fading, now with courage look ahead?



# Bits and Pieces

## Calendar of Events

### May 19

The Board of Directors will meet for the final time May 19 at 2:00 PM at the *Jacaranda Library*. They will convene via electronic communication during the summer months only if there is an emergency that needs immediate attention. The next regular meeting will be in September.

### May 25

Community Dinner Night Out is being arranged by Ceci Kuelto. She has been drafted to assist in her previous capacity because no one of the GVE residents who benefit from this social get together has come forward to take on the planning details for May. Dinner will be held at 5:00 PM at *The Gulf View Grill*, 2095 North Beach Road in Englewood.

Please call Ceci at 587-5621 to make your reservation

### Monroe Road Volunteer

Since no one has come forward as Monroe Road Street Captain, this will be the final home delivered hard copy of the *The Gulf View* newsletter for Monroe Road. There is still time for someone to volunteer to start in September. If you can help, please contact John Canon at [canon.john3@gmail.com](mailto:canon.john3@gmail.com) or 496-7903.

## Thank You

A big vote of appreciation goes to Thereza and Fiorino Magnifico for their years of dedicated service to the residents of Monroe Road.

Fiorino is retiring as Street Captain. They have done their part and it is time for someone else to take over.

## Board Vacancy

The resignation of Jim Henry has left a vacant seat on the Board of Directors. It is always difficult to fill these vacancies. For more information about the duties of Board members or to volunteer, please call any member of the present Board. Their numbers are listed on Page 1 of this newsletter.

## The Fall Picnic

A community picnic is held each year, usually in October or November. Bonnie McGuigan is chairing the event and is looking for ideas to make it a special occasion. All GVE residents are invited including those who are renting homes here. In the past, the Board has provided hotdogs, hamburgers, and other miscellaneous items; residents bring salads and casseroles.

Catering has been mentioned as has



a roast of some sort. Any ideas will be gratefully received by Bonnie at 375-8597.



## Summer Hiatus

The lure of children and grandchildren is drawing your Editor to the mountains and lakes of New England for the summer months.

This issue is the last of the season. The next one will be published in October "if the good Lord is willing and the creek don't rise".

*The Gulf View* newsletter has been produced by the same editor since 2001. It may soon be time for someone else to take over. It could use some updated computer expertise and new ideas.

In the meantime, enjoy your summer with good health and happy moments.

## Neighborhood Watch

See it! Hear it! Report it!

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 941-316-1201

## The Book Nook Open for Business

Gulf View Estates resident carpenter has been hard at work once again. Those of you who enjoy the benches placed along the pond will be pleasantly surprised that John Canon has built and installed a Book Nook next to the Bulletin Board on Pierce Drive.

If you are not familiar with this concept that seems to be popping up across the country, it provides a way to borrow books for free in exchange for some of your own. You can simply take a book (or two) and replace it with another.

The post that supports the Book Nook will be stained once it has dried and weathered a bit. It's yet another fun idea built by John for the pleasure of GVE residents and we are especially grateful for his expertise and thoughtfulness. Enjoy!

John is not only an accomplished and imaginative carpenter, but also heads up the Street Captains.

At right Martha Stevenson and Sue Myers check out what the Book Nook has to offer.



## Highlights from President's March Report

By Linda Sussman

One surprise was a dead alligator that none of our government entities would remove. If an alligator is alive you can call the alligator hotline, County Sheriff's office or Animal Control. But once it has passed on, no one seems interested. We have paid a fee for a private company to remove it.

Now is when we take off the gloves and remind you that if you don't get out your checkbook and send the money – including the late fee - to our management company, you will be hearing from our attorney. This will mean additional expenses for you and for GVE.

About security: it seems that here we do have occasional crimes of opportunity. Unlocked vehicles in the driveway are targets and if you have left valuables in the vehicles so much the better for the robbers. I think we have been successful in bringing this to residents' attention and we haven't had problems recently. However this week when a renter left his garage door open, the car inside became a target and the thief went into the garage and car to steal a wallet. So the answer is we must all be vigilant. If you see anything out of the ordinary call the police to check it out. If you notice your neighbor left the garage door open call them and remind them to close it for security.

The burrows dug along the inside of the north wall to the pond turned out to be water rats recognized by our landscaper. So now that we know what we are dealing with, we will endeavor to have them removed.

In the upcoming months the Board will be moving forward with having the front wall power washed, treated to remove mildew and stains, fill any cracks and finally repainted. We will then be putting in some new plantings and a topcoat of mulch to keep our front entrance looking its best.