



The Gulf View

President's Update

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By Linda Sussman

We were very lucky to have survived Irma with minimal damage to our property and budget— primarily downed trees and bushes which eventually the County will hopefully collect. If you have any questions contact the County website and follow their instructions. Power was very spotty in GVE after Irma, but most lost it for a relatively short period of time primarily because our power lines are underground. We didn't have any problems with drinking water because we get our water from Sarasota County, not the city of Venice. We pay more for water, but less in taxes.

Now it is time to review what we did right and what we did wrong both as a community and individually. The board has agreed to set up a volunteer group to review our response and ways that we might improve. Our newest Board member Bruce Jenkins has agreed to head this group. If you are willing to help or have any comments or suggestions, please send him an e-mail at Brucejenkins@ATT.net or call him at 941-525-2511.

In an effort to improve communications and our relationship with Pennington Place, Rich Delco, Brian Rivenbark of our management company and myself met with two representatives of Pennington Place. This was the first time ever we got together and I think it worked out well. We have now opened

better lines of communication that will hopefully continue over time.

We did discover Pennington Place residents have almost no view of our ponds or the fountains and have been having problems with all their fountains, not just the ones we see. They were in the process of changing their fountain company and also just discovered that the company they had didn't handle electrical work which is the problem with the fountain off McKinley Road. Rich and I walked with the people from Pennington and reviewed the location and condition of the existing fountain controls. The Board has discussed our taking over control of the two fountains in the pond that belong to Pennington Place. They suggested rather than move the controls, they would give us access, but the Board doesn't feel now is the time for us to take over the fountains.

They also came into GVE to see the ponds and landscaping from our side, something they almost never do and it was enlightening for them as was our realization of how little of GVE you can see from Pennington. One thing we agreed on is that anytime anyone in GVE has a problem with Pennington and sends me or Brian a note we will send it on to Pennington so they are aware of our issues and hopefully act in a more timely manner.

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Thought for the Day

“The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination by ambush. It will be a slow extraction from apathy, indifference and undernourishment.”

~ ~ Robert Maynard Hutchins

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President	Linda Sussman	408-9486
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Events/Social		
Street Capt. Coord.	John Canon	496-7903

President continued

As we move on to the last quarter of the year it is time to do planning for 2018. We are working on the proposed budget which will be presented at our October meeting and then mailed out in the Annual Meeting Packet for membership approval. It is also time for individuals interested in helping our community to step up to the plate. Nominations are open for those willing to serve on the Board of Directors. If you don't want quite such a commitment, just let me know which non-Board committees or other items you would be willing to work on. We need help with social events, compliance, landscape, maintenance and security among other things.

Help Is Right Next Door

By Angela Theriault

I trust everyone had an enjoyable summer, whether you were here in your summer residence or just vacationing. That is, until Irma decided to pay us a visit with her forceful winds.

I was in Connecticut visiting family during Irma's reign and received a call from a neighbor advising of possible property damage and asking for my permission to tie things down. What a welcome call that was for my husband and me.

The call was from a new neighbor close by. Luckily, I had paid the family a visit when they were moving in. I left them a card with our names, our email address, telephone numbers, and house address. I was fortunate an offer of help came from this new neighbor and very thankful that his actions saved us from more damage. A big thank you goes to Bryan, a new resident here in GVE, for going out of his way to help. Welcome to you, wife Vickie and family. I hope you enjoy the GVE community as much as we do.

That brings me to another item: a broken sprinkler on my neighbor's lawn is shooting water straight up in the air on Tuesdays, instead of sprinkling the area. Checking the GVE on-line Directory, I found that this address is not listed. I could not call the neighbor and advise them of the problem. I did give a call to Sunstate Management in hopes they can contact the affected party. Perhaps someone is watching that house, but they will never see the problem unless they check the yard on Tuesday mornings during irrigation time.

As a result of this event, I would like to encourage everyone to put their names, telephone numbers, and/or email address in this on-line directory. You can choose the information you want included. It is an important part of the GVE Community and can be utilized to correct or inform of many types of problems. It is password protected, so only GVE residents have access. Who knows, it may help you as it did me.

Bits and Pieces

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

First and Third Wednesdays

Gulf View Men's Lunch will be held at *I-HOP*, 12:00 noon. Look for the sign posted at the entrance or call Doc Albers, 314-795-8842. No reservation is required.

October 26

Community Dinner Night Out has been scheduled at *The Olde World Restaurant*, 14415 Tamiami Trail, North Port, at 6:00 PM. Your hostess is Angela Theriault who can be reached for reservations at 497-6761 or 203-528-6965.

November 2

Ladies Luncheon is to be held at the *Jacaranda Country Club*, 1901 Jacaranda Boulevard, Venice, at 12:00 noon. Please call your hostess, Barbara Kopp at 493-3735 for reservations.

November 5

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 AM Sunday. Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!



November 11

GVE Annual Picnic will be held at the *Manasota Key Beach Pavilion* from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. All residents are invited to attend. See flyer on Page 5 for details.

November 16

A reservation has been arranged for *Allegro Bistro* on Venice Avenue. If you can host this event, please give Angela Theriault a call at 497-6761. This particular restaurant is offering three entrees to groups: salmon, lasagna or chicken.

December 1

Ladies Holiday Luncheon is planned for *Pelican Point*, hosted by Angela Theriault at 493-6965. Please call her early for details as it will fill up quickly.

December 14

Community Holiday Dinner will be at *Rosebud's Steak and Seafood House*, 2215 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey. Please call your hostess, Linda Urosev at 708-476-9454 for reservations.

Note: Angela has booked early reservations for restaurants or clubs to avoid disappointment during the upcoming holiday season, but needs hosts to volunteer.

Appreciation

The Country Squire, owned by Jim Cunningham, is GVE's contractor handling our general mowing and gardens. He has become a valued fixture in the neighborhood as more and more residents have hired him to do their lawns and gardens. He has earned an excellent reputation for being fair and providing reliable and expert service.

Rich Delco, who works closely with Jim, and the Board as well, wish to commend Jim for a great job of helping to clean up our neighborhood following hurricane Irma.

The Country Squire is offering to dispose of yard waste at homeowners request, charging by the amount of waste to be picked up. He can be reached at 941-726-4440.

Hurricane Preparedness

The Board addressed the possibility of a neighborhood plan to better prepare for hurricanes such as Irma. Residents may have experience and ideas for disaster preparedness and recovery. Please contact Vice President Bruce Jenkins who has agreed to lead a group to study this issue. He can be contacted at 525-2511 or emailed Brucejenkins@ATT.net.

Neighborhood Watch

See it! Hear it! Report it!

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 941-316-1201

As a new season of newsletters begins, I would like to thank all of our GVE Street Captains for their help and welcome a couple new Captains; Mary King for Jackson Lane and Rosemary Reisse for Monroe Road. For those of you not familiar with your designated Captain, a list follows. The Street Captains are volunteers. In addition to delivering our monthly newsletter to those not receiving their copy by e-mail, they will answer or provide you with a means to have your questions answered. Most are not on the GVE Board but can direct you to the Board members. (Please clip and save this list for future reference.)

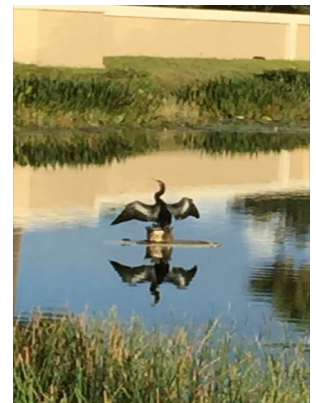
Street	Street Captain	Street Captain's Address
Wilson	Rick Berlin	5847 Wilson Rd
Roosevelt 1486 thru 1517	Diane Jerome	5807 McKinley Rd
McKinley plus 1540 Pierce	Lyn McConnell	5848 McKinley Rd
Cleveland plus 1500 Pierce	John Canon	5872 Cleveland Rd
Taylor plus 1482 Pierce	Judy Sasse	5871 Taylor Rd
Garfield	Diann Crossman	5823 Garfield Rd
Buchanan	Marie Buchanan	5880 Buchanan Rd
Tyler	Corrine Holck	5847 Tyler Rd
Roosevelt 1401 thru 1482	Diane Burns	1456 Roosevelt Rd
Harrison plus 1434 & 1438 Pierce	Becky Collins	5851 Harrison Rd
Lincoln	Sue Myers	5899 Lincoln Rd
Jackson	Mary King	5862 Jackson Ln
Monroe plus 1398 & 1404 Pierce	Rosemary Reisse	5857 Monroe Rd
Madison	Linda Sussman	5891 Madison Rd
Jefferson	Wallace Hewett	5821 Jefferson Rd
Washington	Beth Delp	1362 Washington Rd
Adams	Marge Sterling	5837 Adams Rd
Roosevelt 1300 thru 1396	Karen Mann	1342 Roosevelt Rd



Pictures of some beautiful Florida birds captured by our residents include at left an Egret and below a Wood Stork.

An Anhinga in full drying mode was recently photographed by Angela Theriault in perfect light, but translation to this publication does not do it justice. There are

many Ibises feeding in the neighborhood and recently a pair of Sandhill Cranes. Drivers should be aware that these birds are often in the street and are sometimes slow to move out of harm's way.





**Come to the Gulf View Estates Annual Picnic
Sunday, Nov. 12th from 10 am to 2 pm
Manasota Key Beach Pavilion**

Everyone from our newest neighbors to Long Timers, Owners, Renters, Snowbirds and year-round residents. Families and singles are encouraged to come to this fun event.

This will be a Pot Luck, plus hot dogs and hamburgers and music provided by the Homeowner's Association. Bring a dish to share and your own beverages. Alcohol is allowed, but no glass. The Association will be supplying table cloths, plastic utensils, paper plates, napkins, plastic glasses and ice. The pavilion has grills, room for games, new rest rooms and changing facilities and easy access to the beach.

Bonnie McGuigan is planning this event and she can be reached at 941-375-8597 or by email vmcguigan10@yahoo.com to coordinate the dish you will be bringing. Come early if you can help Bonnie with set up and cleanup.

MUSIC!

GAMES!

FUN FOR ALL!