



The Gulf View

March 21 Board Meeting

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The Board, at the request of President, Duane Pilarowski, discussed delivering hard copies of *The Gulf View* to all residents in the development. They voted to do so, all 375 copies. It was decided that there are too many residents who do not have access to the newsletter online. It will still be posted on the GVE website for those who subscribe to it.

There are still a number of homeowners who have not paid the annual fee of \$185, lowered this year from \$190. Compared to the developments in our area, this is a nominal amount of money to enjoy the conveniences of living in Gulf View Estates. Late fees are now levied.

Several homeowners have not responded to letters from Sunstate Management about bringing their properties up to standard. Landscaping has been neglected; power washing long overdue; barrels and debris sitting in front of garages.

To respond to letters from Sunstate Management (which are only sent as directed by the Board of Directors) a homeowner need only call or write them at 941-870-4920 to acknowledge receipt of the notice and discuss what must be done to correct the situation.



Water Runoff Problem

The Gulf View Estates development was initiated over forty years ago. There is a problem with water runoff being carried away by the old pipe system which is instead collecting and coming to the surface to cause soft, wet earth or small sinkholes. These are a danger to pets and children who might venture into them, not to mention the damage to lawns.

The original cement pipes are deteriorating and are incapable of carrying storm water away. A few residents have had to replace those large pipes to protect their lawns. They are the sole responsibility of the homeowner, not Sarasota County.

The Board has established a committee, chaired by Alan Wrather, to study the problem and come up with some facts. He will be assisted by Board Secretary, Bonnie McGuigan. They are inviting other interested parties to join the committee in addressing this issue. You may reach Alan at 630-209-8345 or Bonnie at 375-8597 to express your concerns to sign up.

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Thought for the Day

“I think there are only three things America will be known for 2,000 years from now when they study this civilization: the Constitution, jazz music and baseball.”

~~ Gerald Early

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Newsletter Editor Resigning

Seventeen years of service is coming to an end. It has been a pleasure as well as a challenge to edit *The Gulf View* all these years. I have made every effort to create a professional and informative vehicle in which to distribute the facts about the business and pleasures of Gulf View Estates.

It was decided years ago by me and the Board of Directors that it would not become a gossip sheet or a source of advertising. I hope I have maintained the standards which GVE residents deserve.

Recruiter Jerry Greenler snagged me for this volunteer job back in 2001. I have served under Presidents like Wallace Hewett, Alison Belson, Duane Pilarowski, Don Sussman, Nanette Vuolo, Mike Shlasko and Linda Sussman. I have received unfailing support from all of them for which I am most grateful.

The Board is now searching for a new volunteer to take over the reins. You don't have to be a computer whizz, The program used all these years is *Microsoft Publisher* and I will be available to assist the person who takes it on, however a new editor may want to change the format of the newsletter altogether.

I am not leaving GVE until such time as my health dictates a change. My friends and neighbors here are very dear to me. I love living here.

It has been a rewarding 17 years and it has been my pleasure to serve you.

Rose Lindenberger

Questions Answered

Board Treasurer, Lynn Kilar, took on the task of re-searching two issues brought before the Board recently. Residents were upset, and rightfully so, that the third phase of GVE is the last to have power restored after a storm. The specific area includes Roosevelt Drive, Wilson and McKinley Roads.

“I have been in contact with Florida Power and Light for about two months now,” said Lynn, “and I spoke to a representative who came out and investigated the area.”

There is some equipment that has gone bad and replacement work is scheduled for May 7th to replace it. He thinks this will help with getting the power restored much quicker after all this work is completed.

Residents have also inquired about the gate leading to Ventura and Lynn contacted them. She found that Ventura Village is in charge of the keys for unlocking the gate.

They will unlock the gate when there are hurricane warnings, emergency vehicles need access and also in case of a house fire. Other than those events, the gate will remain closed to control traffic through the neighborhood and to maintain safety.

If you still have concerns, you may address them to any Board member at any time.



Bits and Pieces

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

First and Third Wednesdays

Gulf View Men's Lunch will be held at *I-HOP*, 4369 Tamiami Trail S. Time is 12:00 noon; no reservations needed. A sign will go up at the front entrance or you may call Doc Albers for details at 314-795-8842.

April 26

Community Dinner Night Out has been arranged at *Pinchers Restaurant*, 900 Venetia Bay Boulevard in Venice. Pat DeFrancesca is your hostess. Please call her for more information and to make your reservations at 941-408-8968.

May 3

Ladies Luncheon will be held at *Landy's*, 1400 Aqua View Lane, Englewood at 11:30 AM (please note early time). Please call hostess Kathy Albers at 314-487-5716 for reservations.

Paradise Grill

By Angela Theriault

Twenty-five people attended the dinner and most were in agreement that the food and service was very good. We can thank Pat DeFrancesca for arranging the successful night. See pictures Page 4.

As most are aware, Pat had originally scheduled Pinchers Restaurant, but was informed they could not handle our group during the month of March. Pat secured a new date, April 26th.

A big thankyou Pat for hosting both

both the March and April dinners, and deep appreciation for the time given to reorganize both evenings.

If you have not signed up yet, please call Pat on 941-408-8968.

Emergency Phone Number

By Angela Theriault

Some of our friends along with snowbirds will be leaving us this month. How will we get along without the extra traffic?

Long lines in the stores, crowds in restaurants, and highways jammed with traffic. But we must remember the amount of money the state realizes that helps all of us.

April and May are the months many of our neighbors leave the community and return to their summer homes. If you are one of these people, please remember to leave an emergency contact number with a neighbor.

I was helped by a neighbor during the hurricane, because I had given the neighbor my telephone number. Another year that I vacationed, I was informed of a water problem. I was able to correct the problem and save added expenses.

Harrison Road Residents

By John Canon

We are looking for a volunteer for the Harrison Road Street Captain. Becky Collins has served for eight years and would like someone else to take a turn.

The primary responsibility of the Street Captain is to deliver copies of our GVE newsletter to all residents on the street. They are delivered monthly October through May.

I drop the required number by your garage door and you deliver when you can. This position can be held by any resident, permanent or part-time. If you would like to volunteer, please call me at 496-7903 or email canon.john3@gmail.com.

If no one has come forward before the May newsletter is out, this will be the final copy of the *The Gulf View* for Harrison Road.

New Medicare Cards

An article in the AARP Bulletin for April 2018 reminds us that Medicare starts random mailing of our new Medicare cards this month (April). Random means just that—do not be alarmed if a relative, friend, or neighbor receives one before you do.

Longer numbers (MBI Medicare Beneficiary Identifier) replace Social Security numbers and look something like this: 1EG4-TE5-MK72.

For more information:

AARP Bulletin for April 2018

Online at *nextavenue*—article by Carol Levine

Medicare online websites.

Protect your new card as you did the old one. Scammers are still out there. Do not leave it on your computer in digital files. If you must carry it with you take a photocopy with some of the numbers blacked out.

Neighborhood Watch

See it! Hear it! Report it!

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 941-316-1201

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Paradise Grill

March 22, 2018



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