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Valentine's Edition—February, 2020

THE GULF VIEW

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BOARD MEETING

February 19, 2020

Wednesday 2 PM

Jacaranda Library
4143 Woodmere Park Blvd.
Venice, Florida 34293

Birthdays

Feb. 2—Susan Doyle Feb. 24—Kathy Miller
Feb. 5—David Gibbons Feb. 25—Vicki O'Han
Feb. 6—Debra Wilder Feb. 29—Marj Stirling
Feb. 10—Larry Patriquin
Feb. 14—Debi Sullivan
Feb. 22—Eric Martell

General News Items

Eric Martell, Editor

It's a new year with new challenges opportunities (I keep telling myself to maintain a positive attitude).

It's time to plant vegetables, but now green garden worms have attacked my tomatoes. In response, I treated the plants with Dipel dust, which, I hope, caused the worms to regret their trespass. At any rate, they've stopped eating the leaves.

In other news, it appears that DiVosta Homes is close to kicking off *Beach Walk by Manasota Key*, a 765 acre development south of Manasota Beach Road and east of 776. This already approved project will add 1675 homes to the area.

A brief note about property upkeep: The Board of Directors. has only one way to induce residents to keep their property up to community standards as laid out in the EC&Rs. That is to send out warning letters and then to impose fines. A nice community goes a long way towards improving housing values—something that becomes very important when you decide to sell your home. Please visit the GulfViewEstates.com website and review the EC&R documents.

A new owner on Madison emailed me about leaving a bagster on his drive for several weeks. He lives in Philadelphia, not locally and his wife was involved in a serious accident. Caring for her took precedence for him. He offers his apology and assurance that his intent was not to inconvenience his neighbors. He has done a lot to upgrade the home.

Dealing with EC&R violations: If you notice a condition that is not in line with the EC&Rs, please notify our community manager, **Brian Rivenbark at 941-870-3375**. Brian is the contact point for this sort of thing.

Emergencies: Please call the Sarasota Sheriff at **941-316-1201 (non-emergency number)** or **911 (emergencies only)**
Do not call our Board members. That is neither their job, nor their expertise.

Submitting news items: I encourage you to submit news items that may be of interest to our community via Email: GulfViewEstatesNews@gmail.com or Eric's Phone: 407-947-3617—phone is best for *urgent issues*.

Board Business

January, 2020 Meeting

Most of the meeting was concerned with various EC&R violations and how best to deal with them. The Board was reluctant to start the process of fining homeowners, but after discussion, a number of fines were imposed on owners who had failed to respond to notice letters.

Street pavement condition is an ongoing problem that the Street Committee is tracking. A Sarasota County representative came out and inspected the streets and indicated that we might get some attention, but it could possibly take a while (as in years).

It was decided that the County needs some prodding. To this end, board volunteers will come to each house with a **petition** to be signed. This effort is currently being organized.

We'd also like to encourage everyone to take the initiative to write a brief letter opposing the proposed 7-Eleven at the corner of Manasota Beach Road and 776. There's a sample on page 3.

We know that it is an inconvenience to take time to write and mail a letter, but in the long run, it will be less of an inconvenience than having the additional traffic, not to mention the threat of environmental damage due to 16 gas pumps with 160,000 gallons of fuel and a car wash with the waste dumped into an on-location septic system

As a reminder: Rental property owners must comply with the E, C & R docs. Short-term and VRBO rentals are not allowed. Minimum rental period is 3 months. Only one rental per 12 month period is allowed. Rental property must be kept up to community standards.

Note: Any property rented for less than 6 months is required to pay Florida Resort tax per state law.

Our Board President, Rich Delco, asked for the volunteer who handles the American Flag at the front entrance to contact him. Please call Rich at 941-493-5266.

Remember the Annual Garage Sale on February 8 from 9AM-2PM. Joint advertising cost is \$2.00 per participant (to be collected on the day of the sale).

Gulf View Estates is controlled by the Florida statutes and our recorded Covenants and Restrictions.

The Florida Statutes for Home Owners Associations are the rules that govern the scope of authority and operating procedures for all Florida HOAs.

Reference: [Http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes) Title XL Chapter 720 Homeowner's Associations

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS



Our newest GVE Resident "Chompers" lives in the Pierce Pond!

The GVE Welcome Committee is trying to make a timely home visit to each New Resident as they arrive in our community. We have assembled a package of community and area information and a yummy home-baked treat. It is difficult to catch Homeowners at home, so we need your help. If you moved-in during 2019 or January 2020 and have not received a Welcome Visit, please call Beth Delp 941-493-0942 or Sally Martell 941-408-0905 and we will arrange a time to stop by.

Sample Letter to our County Commissioner

(Mail to the address below or email to this address: chines@scgov.net)

February 1, 2020

Charles D. Hines, Esq.
Sarasota County Commissioner
1560 Ringling Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34236

Dear Mr. Hines:

I am a resident of District 5 in Sarasota County and live in Gulf View Estates in Venice.

My neighborhood is quite close to the site for a proposed 7-11 gas station and carwash at the NW corner of SR-776 and Manasota Beach Road. I am not in favor of this proposed use.

I'm writing to ask you to please not approve this commercial development for the following reasons:

1. It is already difficult to get out of Gulf View Estates at certain times of the day. This station will increase the traffic in the immediate vicinity of the Gulf View Estates access onto SR-776.
2. There is no sewer available to the proposed location and the combined waste from the gas pumps and carwash shouldn't be discharged into a septic system that will ultimately drain into the area groundwater.
3. Manasota Beach Road is a narrow road with no shoulders. It is already difficult for residents to use. Gas station traffic will make it more so.
4. Changing zoning for this use could adversely impact area property values. Changing the zoning to CN—walkable neighborhood implies that one could walk to the facility. The area traffic prohibits that. Walking in the area is definitely unsafe.
5. Adverse environmental effects. The area environment is sensitive and a gas station's noise and fumes will contribute to environmental deterioration.
6. There are gas stations within two miles of the site with enough capacity to handle the demand (both current and future).

Thank you for your attention to this matter and my concerns.

Sincerely,

Home Owners Board Notices

- No Feeding Wild Animals—Raccoons & Birds have been causing problems in some areas
- No Garbage, including lawn waste & fruit to be thrown in ponds
- Front Entrance Volunteers needed to help Rich Delco
- E, C & R Compliance issues: If you receive a letter regarding a violation, ***your first step should be to respond***. You can save yourself a fine.
- Respect your neighbor's lawn—No parking on the grass, including along the pond.

Community Calendar of Events

Happy Valentine's Day!

Gulf View Men's Lunch

Noon—1st & 3rd Wednesday

No reservation is required.

I-HOP—4639 Tamiami Trail S.

call Doc Albers @ 314-795-8842

February 6 - 11:30AM—Ladies Lunch

Anita's Restaurant

441 Tamiami Trl S, Nokomis

Call Rosemary Reisse @ 941-3030-6180

February 8—ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE—9 AM UNTIL 3PM

Participating households \$2.00 fee for ads collected the day of the sale. Left-overs after the sale must be taken back into storage until trash day, not left at curbside.

Bonnie McGuigan, Chairwoman @941-375-8597

February 27 - 6:00PM—Community Dinner

La Stanza Ristorante

285 W. Dearborn

Call Kathy Albers @ 314-487-5716

March 5 - 11:30PM—Ladies Lunch

Landy's Restaurant

1400 Aquaview Lane, Englewood

Call Marge Polidaro @ 941-223-8178

March 26 - 4:45PM—Community Dinner

Farlow's on the Water

2080 S. McCall Road, Englewood

Call Sally Martell @ 941-408-0905



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