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Stay-at-Home Edition—April, 2020

# THE GULF VIEW

Available On-line only.



## BOARD MEETING

### Next meeting To Be Determined

#### Birthdays

Apr. 6—Ed Kowalski  
Apr. 10—Geraldine Kowalski  
Apr. 17—Janet Bernsdorf  
Apr. 21—Carol Armstrong  
Apr. 21—Bob Armstrong  
Apr. 24—Mary King  
Let us know if you'd like to be included here.

## Editorial Commentary

Eric Martell, Editor

We're all suffering from a plethora of news, most of it bad, these days. Please forgive me if I attempt to lighten this month's Gulf View News up before I sermonize a little.

*An antique collector, walking down the street, saw a cat drinking milk out of a rare 17th-century porcelain plate in front of a small shop. He knew the dish was a prize worth a lot of money and conceived a scheme to purchase it.*

*Going into the shop, he told the owner, "That's a fine cat you have out there. I want to buy it."*

*The owner asked, "What do you think it's worth?"*

*The collector, thinking to overwhelm the shop owner's sense of greed, said, "I'll give you twenty dollars for the cat."*

*The shop owner shook his head dubiously. "It's a fine cat and a great mouser, but I guess you can have him for that."*

*The transaction was concluded, and the collector headed for the door, then, pretending that it was an afterthought, said, "Oh. And, just so the cat feels comfortable in his new home, I'd like to buy his milk plate for two dollars."*

*The shop owner answered, "No, it's not for sale. That's my lucky plate. I've sold 18 cats with it."*

The point is, sometimes, we can outsmart ourselves. Applying this idea to the current crisis leads me to wonder if the cure might not be worse than the disease. Isolating yourself is sensible; falling prey to all-out panic isn't.

We should restrict outside activities as much as possible until the peak of this epidemic is passed, but hoarding TP is a little ridiculous. In some areas, people have even called the police on neighbors for going into their backyards. That's nuts. We have a small neighborhood with many older people. Helping your neighbors if they are self-isolating is a good idea. You can do this safely with a little preparation and care.

Sooner or later, we'll come through this period, and things will get back to a less frenzied state, so remain calm. Remember: Your neighbors may be your best resource.

**Notice:** The newsletter will be posted on-line and a copy posted on the Community Bulletin Board. There will be no delivery to your house until further notice. If you have a neighbor who does not have a computer, please let them know about this change.

**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

March, 2020

The March Board meeting was canceled and subsequent meetings will be held as can be arranged in accordance with current national emergency restrictions.

Meanwhile, the Board members are doing their best to ensure that our community remains a desirable place to live.

The community EC&Rs are still in effect and will not be placed in abeyance due to the pandemic.

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**Emergencies:** Please call the Sarasota Sheriff at **941-316-1201 (non-emergency number)** or **911 (emergencies only)**. Please note that the Board members are not emergency personnel. Do not call them with emergencies.

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Street pavement condition is an ongoing problem that the Street Committee is tracking. We collected 152 of the street petitions that went out with the last newsletter. That's a response rate of 41%. Please consider dropping a petition in the wooden box beside the bulletin board. Every response will help.

We have decided to hold the petitions until later in the year under the assumption that county management has more on its plate than it can deal with at this time. The good news is that the petitions don't expire and will be useful later.

The Mail Box that was knocked down on Roosevelt has received full approval for replacement. The new mailbox should be installed very soon.

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.*

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**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.

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*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



The community bulletin board has been re-landscaped by the Board of Directors. It looks much nicer. Thank you!!

If you moved-in during 2019 or 2020 and have not received a Welcome Visit (now a phone call) please call Beth Delp 941-493-0942 or Sally Martell 941-408-0905 and we will arrange a time to stop by or call.

## Sample Letter to our County Commissioner

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

March 31, 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

**All events suspended until further notice.**

## Email Newsletter Delivery

We are not currently delivering paper copies, although a paper copy will be posted on the community bulletin board.

If you would like a copy of the newsletter delivered to you via email, please email your request to [GulfViewEstatesNews@gmail.com](mailto:GulfViewEstatesNews@gmail.com).

Thanks!

Eric Martell

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