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The Gulf View



Board Meeting

Wednesday at 2PM
3/17/2021

Meetings are conducted by conference calls
until further notice.

605-475-4000 Code: 655533#

Birthdays

2/22 – Eric Martell	2/25 – Vicki O’Nan
2/24 – Kathy Miller	2/29 – Marj Stirling
3/3 – Jean Gabbard	3/20 – Bill Reisse
3/7 – Jim Howard	3/30 – Jane Guy
3/17 – Mike Doyle	4/6 – Ed Kowalski
4/10 – Geraldine Kowalski	
4/16 – Bonnie McGuigan	
4/17 – Janet Bernsdorf	

Editorial Commentary

Eric Martell, Editor

We normally walk around the perimeter of the community – trying for daily – but things sometimes get in the way. Lately, we decided to add the cross streets a bit at a time. That makes for a lot more distance. The perimeter is about 1.7 miles. While walking, we notice numerous pot-holes in the roads. I think that resurfacing the streets would improve the value of all homes in GVE. The Street Committee is working on it, but it’s hard to get the county to commit the funds. If you have a nearby pot-hole, perhaps you could take a picture of it and forward it to me at GulfViewEstatesNews@gmail.com. Be sure to include the nearest cross-streets. If I can get pictures of all the holes, I think it will help the Street Committee.

We have noticed that people have been busy with numerous home-improvement projects. I think that’s great. Since 2001, when we first bought a home in GVE, the neighborhood has steadily improved. However, don’t forget that the EC&Rs have certain restrictions that homeowners must observe. In general, anything that changes the footprint of the house or structural changes, such as adding a screen enclosure or walls surrounding A/C and pool equipment, needs to be approved by the Board of Directors. The proper procedure is to contact Ron Weirks at 732-259-2555. He’s in charge of architectural review. Remember, the EC&Rs specifically state that sheds, fences, and hedges are not allowed. General maintenance such as a new roof or replacement windows need not be approved. The approved external paint palette is Earth Tones. Please contact Ron to discuss your color choice prior to painting. This is a new requirement to avoid any possible conflict due to your choice of color.

Homes in GVE have been selling rapidly. Demand is high, and prices are responding correspondingly. Keeping the neighborhood nice by keeping your own home maintained helps everyone’s values. It’s anyone’s guess how long the strong values will hold. However, right now, we have so many people from large northern cities wanting to move here that I think there will be plenty of housing demand for at least the next few months.

We live on Wilson and back to the Sarasota National woods. The land back there is home to a wide variety of wildlife. We regularly hear coyotes, get gopher turtles coming into our yard for lunch, the occasional bobcat passing through, and...pigs. I can look over the fence and see huge areas that the wild hogs have rooted up. They came into our yard last summer and left a number of holes. Normally, they don’t come into the community, but they could. If you see one, stay away. They can be quite dangerous. Oink!

Submitting News Items: Please submit news items that are of community interest via Email: GulfViewEstatesNews@gmail.com.

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Board Business

The board held the February meeting on February 17th, 2020 by phone as scheduled. The meeting notice was posted several days prior at the front exit. If you want to attend, you can call in. The call is free. Just observe the meeting protocol. The board always reserves a period for general resident questions and comments.

1. Monthly meetings will continue as conference calls until further notice

2. VP Report – Street Committee continues to work with Sarasota County for repairs – some repairs are planned by the county.

3. Secretary's Report – Political signs are not allowed. Flags are permitted by FL statute.

4. Treasurer's Report – There are 50 homeowners who have not paid yet. They will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee.

5. President's Report – Bulletin board area has been updated. Additional signs have been added at entrance to remind people of the speed limit and to keep vehicles off the grass. Danger signs have been posted along parts of the ponds where the shoreline is soft. Brazilian Pepper Trees located in the neighborhood must be removed. Benches along the ponds are to be refinished after quotes are received.

6. Open Community Questions

- Newsletters will be emailed to residents based on the email addresses they've placed on file with the management association. If you want to be on that list, contact Sean at Sunstate, or the newsletter editor. There will be a few extra copies in the bulletin board mailbox. The newsletter is currently being placed on the community website and on the bulletin board, but not distributed directly to homes. Several residents have requested direct email copies.
- The board is exploring new color schemes for the community wall along Englewood Road.
- All Community events have been canceled until further notice.
- Vehicle Violations – Homeowner complaints – the compliance committee will contact the vehicle owner and if there is no remediation, the owner will be fined.
- Any problems with mailbox locks must be handled through the Venice Post Office (hint-a squirt of WD-40 will often cure a sticky lock).
- The board spent considerable time discussing fines for people who are not in compliance with the EC&Rs. If you receive a notice from the management company, the first thing you should do is to respond. Do not ignore the notice. You risk ending up with a daily fine.
- All houses built after 1994 should have a light post in the front yard. The light should be left on all night. This regulation is for public safety, since we have limited street lights in the community. The board is beginning to enforce the post lamp requirement. If you do not have a light post, you are required to leave your garage coach light(s) on all night.
- Replacements and repairs to the entrance lights have been made.
- Streets currently out for resurfacing bid by Sarasota County: Washington, Jefferson, Adams, Madison, Monroe, and all of Roosevelt. No info on start date.
- One homeowner used some SimpleGreen to scrub the mailbox on the end of his street. It worked well and the mailbox looks almost new. So, if you're bored and have nothing to do...just a suggestion:-)

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This is one of our local alligators. They usually don't charge a fee for taking pictures, but they do not appreciate you getting close. Also, it is a state law not to feed them. They aren't very intelligent, but they can learn to associate people with food and that makes them far more dangerous.

Welcome New Neighbors

The Welcoming Committee has not been visiting new neighbors due to virus restrictions. The new plan is to mail a welcome packet with contact information, community information, and information on the EC&Rs. That effort is in process.

Humor

A burglar broke into a house at night. He was using a flashlight to look around when he heard someone say, "Jesus is watching you."

He spun around and the light illuminated a parrot on a perch. The parrot repeated, "Jesus is watching you."

The burglar sighed in relief. "Just a stupid parrot," he whispered to himself.

He turned and his light picked out a huge Rottweiler standing in the corner with drool coming from its jaws. As the light hit the Rottweiler, the parrot screamed, "Sic 'em, Jesus!!!"

Home Owner's Board Notices

No Feeding Wild Animals – Raccoons and Birds have been causing problems in some areas.

No Garbage, including lawn waste and fruit to be thrown in ponds

Front Entrance Volunteers needed to help Rich Delco

EC&R Compliance issues: If you receive a letter regarding a violation, the first step is to respond. You can save yourself a fine

Keep vehicles off all lawns – No parking on the grass anywhere in the community, including along the pond. **No parking on the street overnight!**

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Community Calendar of Events

Due to the virus situation, GVE cannot sponsor events for liability issues. For this reason, the community sponsored garage sale normally held in February was canceled.

The board graciously allowed residents to hold individual private sales on Saturday, February the 6th. I placed an ad in Craigslist and other people placed ads in other locations. Also, there were several signs put out on Englewood Road.

All told, it was a successful sale. We, personally, were able to get rid of a lot of things that were superfluous and no longer wanted. Converting trash to cash is always nice:-)

The board received thanks from numerous homeowners. Hopefully, next year we can go back to the community-wide sale.

Compliance issues for Tenants and Owners

The management company sends notices of non-compliance to the homeowners based on the mailing address given at time of purchase. Tenants do not receive these letters. It is the homeowners duty to notify their tenants of any issues. If the tenant is responsible for the violation and does not rectify the issue, the homeowner will be fined. This covers such things as parking, commercial vehicles, etc. Issues such as home maintenance that are not the tenant's responsibility under their lease must be dealt with by the property owner.

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