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# The Gulf View



## Board Meeting

**Monthly Meeting February 16 – 2 PM**  
**Location TBD – Watch for sign at front entrance.**

## Annual Garage Sale

The community garage sale is scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 3PM. \$2.00 per participant to cover advertising.

## Commentary

Eric Martell, Editor

Shortly after New Year's Day, we were discussing the last year and generally considering the state of the world. The overall outlook was one of optimism for the next year, until a pessimistic friend pointed out that as we move through 2022, we might look back on 2021 as "The Good Ole Days." That was a chilling thought. Of course, this friend is usually so optimistic that one would think nothing bad ever happened to him (not).

It always seems that some things are better and some are worse, so, as far as I'm concerned, it's up to the individual to choose where to direct their focus. Things will appear to be better or worse, depending on your orientation. With that in mind, I suggest that it's healthier overall to concentrate on positives rather than negatives. On the other hand, it's easier to focus on negatives – all you have to do is to watch the nightly news or read the Internet.

One piece of good news is that Sarasota County has adopted the bid for resurfacing a portion of our roads. (Not all of the community, unfortunately.) Still, it looks as if the street committee's efforts have paid off.

The general community news remains the same, since the issues are ongoing. Some people insist on speeding along the perimeter roads, despite the posted 25 MPH speed limit. Others are not picking up after their dogs. Others leave cigarette butts along the roads, ignoring the fact that the micro-fibers in the filters are now found throughout the oceans. On the flip side, we live in a genuinely friendly community. It's hard to drive through without having people wave at you.

From a housing viewpoint, the sales activity of the fourth-quarter of 2021 has slowed. It's not that there isn't demand or that prices have fallen, it's that people are not moving due to a variety of reasons. We recently checked the entire Venice area and saw there were only 94 houses available for sale. This number should be somewhere around 500 or more. The available inventory is quite low, so buyers are having a difficult time and houses are selling quickly.

We recently heard about a case of identity theft that resulted in the loss of a home. This was a tragedy for the people involved. With that in mind, the Sarasota County Clerk of the Circuit Court offers a Property Fraud Alert Service. You can sign up for a free email notice if any change is made to your recorded deed at <https://secure.sarasotaclerk.com/ORFraudAlerts.aspx>. Signing up for this service is not a bad idea, considering the amount of fraud and crime we're seeing nationwide.

We now are offering the newsletter online at [Gulfviewestates.com](http://Gulfviewestates.com). Paper copies may be picked up from the labeled box by the community bulletin board. If you are having difficulty getting out and want a copy delivered to your home, please let us know.

The Board of Directors is discussing some additional community events. They are considering a Sunset Party at Manasota Beach Pavillion. Watch for notices about this.

Here's hoping that we have a prosperous, healthy, and peaceful 2022!

Regards,  
Eric Martell

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### Board Business

The monthly board meeting was held January 19 via conference call.

- President's Report – Concerns over Omnicron will mean that future meetings venues will be decided on pending Covid activity.
- Treasurer's Report – The community insurance policies have declined in cost slightly from last year. Discussion was held about Cyber and environmental pollution coverage, but it was determined that the umbrella policy we currently have should provide adequate coverage for those issues.
- Management Report – 52 letters were sent out regarding compliance issues. All residents receiving a letter should respond to the management company as quickly as possible. Either call or email them regarding the issue and your proposed solution. Compliance runs are made during the day. Several residents have complained about commercial vehicles parked overnight, cars parked in the street, post lights not being on, etc. Since these violations occur during the night, residents are advised to take a picture of the violation and email it to the management company.
- Speeding – is an issue. Concerns were voiced by several residents. The speed limit is 25mph throughout the entire subdivision. Speeders are observed on a daily basis and this activity endangers walkers and pets. Please control your urge to get out or home as fast as possible and abide by the posted limit.
- Landscaping at front entrance. After the Christmas lights are removed and the electrical problem is resolved, the board will add new flowers and plantings at the gate and along the front of the wall.
- ARB report. Residents are not required to get ARB approval when replacing roof with a similar product, replacing windows with the same sized window, or painting (as long as the new paint is within the established earth tone spectrum required by the community.)
- The newsletter will be available online at [www.gulfviewstates.com](http://www.gulfviewstates.com) and a limited number of copies will be placed in the labeled box by the community bulletin board. If you are unable to get out and do not have a computer, please call Sally Martell at 407-947-3618 to arrange for us to deliver a copy to you at your doorstep.
- Road paving – The front half of the community has been approved for paving and the schedule should be available by the end of January. We will provide updates when additional information becomes available.
- A certified letter is being sent to Ventura to set up a meeting to resolve the ongoing easement issue.
- The monthly meeting was closed.
- The annual meeting was left open because there was not a quorum present. Enough proxies have now been collected, so the annual meeting was reconvened. The annual budget was approved and the new slate of officers (see the back page of the newsletter) were seated.
- The annual meeting was closed.

## Proposed Sunset Serenade in March

There has been an ongoing discussion about an annual Sunset at the Beach Party at the Manasota Beach Pavilion. While the exact date is not set, it will be after the time changes. It will probably feature live music and bring-your-own drinks and food.

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## **Gulf View Estates Drone Pictures**

**Gulf View Estates from over Wilson Road - note the Gulf of Mexico over the treeline at the top of the picture. Pennington Place is at the left. Rapalo and Ventura Village is to the right.**



**Eastward from over Wilson Road. Note the houses surrounding the lake. The wooded area is mostly owned by the Sarasota National development.**

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### Calendar of Events

Happy New Year!

**January 27<sup>th</sup> – 5:00PM Neighbors' Dinner**

Mama Leone's – 2300 Tamiami Trl N.

Call Lisa Kyriakos @610-202-9221

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12:00PM Ladies' Lunch**

Snowbird's Grille – 4167 S. Tamiami Trl.

Call Margaret Johnson @202-524-4023

**February 5<sup>th</sup> – Community Garage Sale**

9AM to 3PM

**February 24<sup>th</sup> – 5:00PM Neighbors' Dinner**

Farlow's on the Water – 2080 S. McCall Rd, Englewood

Call Sally Martell @407-947-3617

## Common EC&R Violations

**EC&R Compliance issues: If you receive a letter regarding a violation, the first step is to respond.**

**Immediate action can keep you from being fined.**

1. Keep vehicles off lawns – No parking on the grass, including along the pond.
2. No overnight parking on the street. No Commercial Vehicles allowed overnight.
3. Post lights or garage carriage lights must be present and on from dusk to dawn. If you're a new owner and do not have a post light, you should install one. It's your obligation per the community EC&Rs.
4. The community has a posted speed limit of 25 MPH.

## Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons

<b>President</b>	<b>Rich Delco</b>	<b>941-493-5266</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>William Hulshoff</b>	<b>518-524-7833</b>
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<b>Newsletter Committee</b>	<b>Eric &amp; Sally Martell</b>	<b>941-408-0905</b>
<b>Flagpole</b>	<b>Joe Bell</b>	<b>845-661-5927</b>