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February 2022

The Gulf View



Board Meeting

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

*Community Speed
Limit
25 MPH*

Commentary

Eric Martell, Editor

We are reaching the time of year when everyone starts thinking about making needed repairs and improvements. A word to the wise--Not all contractors are equally proficient. (You probably already knew this:-) Here's an example:

A homeowner answered the door to find a handyman looking for work. Since the homeowner had been planning some repairs, he offered to pay the man \$200 if he'd paint the porch.

"How about paint?" the handyman asked.

"No problem. I've got a can." The homeowner gave the man a brush and a can of white paint, then went on his daily walk around the community.

When he returned, the handyman cheerfully greeted him. "I'm all done, but you should know that your car's a Cadillac, not a Porsche."

That's a pretty silly joke, but we met one homeowner in Gulf View who had hired a discount roofer who came to the door to put on a new roof. The job was well done and everything was fine. That is, until the owner had to sell. Then it came out that the roofer had never pulled a permit with the county. That meant the new buyer couldn't get insurance. Based on the amount of hassle involved in rectifying this issue, my advice to you is never, never do that! What a mess! The take-home lesson: Always check contractor's reputations. Make sure proper permits are pulled for all work where they are required.

The annual garage sale was a success. Many people got rid of a lot of their "trash" which actually turned out to be another person's "treasures." Most people sold used items. One of our several resident artists took the opportunity to sell her artwork. (See page 3 for a picture.) We bought one of her pieces and it fit right in with our décor.

Lots of plants and yards were damaged due to the frost that fell from the sky on a couple of nights. It's a good idea to wait to trim off the dead parts until there is no more chance of frost. If it frosts again, the dead part will protect the plant to a certain extent. Trim after there is no chance of additional frost.

Ongoing issues: Speeding along the perimeter roads, picking up after dogs, cigarette butts along the roads, falling behind on needed landscaping. Our community is generally viewed as a highly desirable place to live and that's in part due to the overall presentation of the neighborhood as you drive through. The homeowner's board is composed of volunteers who do not really enjoy enforcing standards on everyone. Even so, it is necessary to maintain the community's value. We can all contribute to this effort. Everyone benefits.

You can sign up for a free notification if there is any change to your recorded title for your house at: <https://secure.sarasotaclerk.com/ORFraudAlerts.aspx>. We think this is highly advised as there has been an upsurge of title fraud during the last year.

We now are offering the newsletter online at gulfviewestates.com. Paper copies may be picked up from the labeled box by the community bulletin board. If you or anyone you know needs a copy delivered at home, please let us know.

Regards!
Eric Martell

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Board Business

The monthly board meeting was held February 16 at the Jacaranda Library.

- President's Report – Future meetings venues will be decided on pending Covid activity.
- Treasurer's Report – The community is under the allotted budget for groundskeeping.
- Secretaries Report – The garage sale was not advertised in the newspaper due to space availability, so there was no charge for participation this year.
- Management Report – 48 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. The board has approved asking Florida Power to do a free conversion of our existing light poles to LED lighting which should save on electricity costs. (Electricity is one of our top 5 expenses.)
- Speeding is an issue. Concerns were once again voiced by several residents. The speed limit is 25mph throughout the entire subdivision.
- Landscaping at front entrance. The front entrance electrical problem has been resolved. The board is planning to refresh the 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.)
- Road paving – The front half of the community has been approved for paving. The county will start working on several neighborhoods in March--May, but they have not told us when it will be our turn. Once the date is known, Sean will notify everyone via email. If you are not on the management company's email list, contact Sean at 941-870-4920.
- The EC&Rs and amendments found on GulfViewEstates.com are up-to-date and correct. Those are the operating rules for Gulf View, so if you have any questions, please refer to them first.
- There was some discussion of implementing a 24 month ownership period before renting is permitted. This would have the effect of discouraging some of the investors who are purchasing rentals in our neighborhood. Some of the large investment companies have a poor record of maintaining their properties and have been the source of some complaints in Gulf View. This would require a vote at our annual meeting in the fall.
- As I mentioned in my opinion piece above, now is the time of year when many people do renovations on their homes. There have been some complaints about ongoing work, noise, and workmen. Please have some patience and understanding for these efforts. It might be an inconvenience to have roofer's trucks parked in front of the neighbor's, but sooner or later, you will need to have your roof done also.
- The GulfViewEstates.com website needs to be updated. The management company promised to attend to that problem.

A note of caution: Spring is the time of year when alligators move around searching for new territory and mates. There is no predicting when or where a 'gator big enough to be a problem will show up. While they don't usually target humans, they have no problem snatching dogs from the shore-line. Keep your poochies away from the pond edges! It will keep your doggy safe, you happy, and possibly save the gator's life. If you notice a big-un in the pond, call Animal Services for removal.

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Gulf View Estates Pictures



Figure 1: Ladies Luncheon



Figure 2: Small 4' Gator lazing in the pond



Figure 3: A Sandhill Crane explores a partially frosted yard.



Figure 4: Vickie Hollis, Watercolor Artist, 5875 Jackson, 941-685-9302 during the Annual Garage Sale

Sunset Meet and Greet – April 9th

First annual Sunset Meet and Greet at the Beach Party at the Manasota Beach Pavilion. Featuring live music, soft drinks, and hot dogs.

Time: 5 – 9 PM

Come for a good time and to make new acquaintances!

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Calendar of Events

March: In like a lion; out like a lamb.

February 24th – 4:30PM Neighbors' Dinner

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

Call Sally Martell @407-947-3618

March 3rd – 12:00PM Ladies' Lunch

Kendo – by Marshalls

Call Nancy Bell @843-384-3838

March 24th – 5:00PM Neighbors' Dinner

LaStanza – Dearborn St.

Call Terry MacAllister @865-705-8982

April 9th – Sunset Meet and Greet

BYOB at Manasota Beach Pavillion, Live entertainment

5 – 9 PM

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.

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