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March 2022

The Gulf View



Board Meeting

Monthly Meeting April 21 – 2 PM
Location TBD – Watch for sign at front entrance.

Sunset Meet'n Greet
5-9pm April 9
Manasota Beach

Commentary

Eric Martell, Editor

In the “Yesterday’s News Today” category, Sarasota County finally made some moves toward repairing some of our deteriorating road surfaces. It remains to be seen how much they actually accomplish, however, I, for one, am grateful for whatever we can get. The roads are definitely approaching the point at which the asphalt disintegrates. So...good to get some repairs in spite of the inconvenience!

The other day, one of our neighbors was moving. Her home sold quickly and she was moving to another house she owned. My wife stopped by to talk to her and came home (much to my gratification) with a partially filled five-gallon gas container. After the initial excitement, I figured out that two gallons of regular still isn’t enough to trade for a Boston Whaler. It’s getting close, though. Yes, I’m being sarcastic, but gas prices show no signs of declining to their last year’s low point. It’s kind of a smart thing to keep your gas tank filled at all times. You might wake up to find that the price has shot up overnight right when you need to go somewhere on an emergency basis.

The economy is suffering from high inflation. One of the results is that scammers are out in force. Last time I mentioned real estate title fraud (free notification of title changes at:

<https://secure.sarasotaclerk.com/ORFraudAlerts.aspx>), now there has been a rash of scammers trying to sell vacant lots that do not belong to them. They pose as an absentee owner and try to get a quick closing with all cash in the hope that the real owner won’t find out until it’s too late. If they are working this hard to scam someone, it’s only a matter of time before they try something else that is real estate related, so keep your eyes open. If you have a real estate related question about something that doesn’t seem quite right, seek professional expertise.

We’re generally blessed that our community is relatively secure. The single entrance means that few people drive-through on their way to somewhere else. Here’s a brief story about that sort of thing:

A burglar entered a house in the middle of the night. He was shining a small flashlight around the room, looking for valuables when a voice said, “Jesus is watching you.” He froze, then began to scan with the flashlight. Along the far wall, the beam picked out a parrot on a perch. When the light hit the parrot, it repeated, “Jesus is watching you.” The burglar laughed to himself, “Only a parrot, not a problem.” He moved the beam a little farther and the light shown on a huge pit bull with a snarl on its face and drool coming from the corners of its mouth. The instant the light hit the pit bull, the parrot screamed, “Sic’em, Jesus!”

A large percentage of our residents have dogs, but even if you have a “furry burglar alarm,” it’s a good idea to keep your doors locked, both when you’re at home and away. It’s also a good idea to know your neighbors and let them know when you’re going to be away, so that they can keep an eye on your property.

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 March 16 at the Jacaranda Library.

- President's Report – Future meetings venues will be decided on pending Covid activity.
 - Treasurer's Report – Operating fund has \$190,000 with \$30,000 in reserves. Late notices for overdue payments going out now.
 - Secretaries Report – April 9th Beach Meet'n Greet picnic scheduled.
 - Management Report – 42 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. Florida Power will do a free conversion of our existing light poles to LED lighting which should save on electricity costs. Replacement LED Street Lights are now on order and will be installed sometime this summer.
 - Speeding is an issue. Concerns were once again voiced by several residents. The speed limit is 25mph throughout the entire subdivision. If you want to see one possible solution, drive up the street and go into Circlewoods. They have lots of speed-bumps and it's quite unpleasant to drive in that community. It would be far easier and more economical if we all make an effort to drive slower in GVE.
 - The HUD-owned house on the end of Harrison is under contract and the landscaping services that the community provided will be collected and repaid to our HOA at the closing.
 - Landscaping at front entrance. The bushes have been trimmed and treated, but are in such poor shape that there is to be discussion on replacing them and re-doing the landscaping with new plants and new mulch along the wall. The committee will check the current dripline irrigation system status in an effort to keep the bushes in better condition. Additional electrical problems on the entrance island have surfaced and are being addressed and might require a new power cable being installed.
 - The board set up a new committee to oversee the landscaping requirements. Michelle Brown is in charge of that effort.
 - 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 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.
 - The February Newsletter was not posted on the GulfViewEstates.com website due to an oversight. Your newsletter editor failed to check to ensure it was posted. That won't happen again...sorry;-)
 - We are printing color copies and placing them in the box next to the bulletin board. When the arm is up on the box, there are newsletters inside. If you take the last one, please lower the arm, so I'll know to refill the box. Thanks!
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Gulf View Estates Pictures



Figure 1: Gerri & David Papa 2-19-72 50th



Figure 2: Back Yard Bobcat on Wilson Rd.



Figure 3: Ernie Broome holding trophy for his Corvette



Figure 4: Ernie and 2nd trophy for his classic Corvette - Betty Boop

Have a picture you'd like to see here? Email it to GulfViewEstatesNews@gmail.com.

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Calendar of Events

March 24th – 5:00PM Neighbors' Dinner

LaStanza – Dearborn St.

Call Terry MacAllister @865-705-8982

April 7th – 11:30 AM Ladies Lunch

Mama's Italian Restaurant – 20915 McCall in Englewood

Call Jean Gabbard@937-336-6040

April 9th – Sunset Meet and Greet

BYOB at Manasota Beach Pavillion, Live entertainment

5 – 9 PM

April 28th – 5:00 – 8:00 PM Neighbors' Dinner held in the GVE Community

GitChewSumBBQ – Voted Venice's Best Food Truck 2020 & 2021

Location in the neighborhood TBD

Call Sally Martell @407-947-3618

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 snacks.

Time: 5 – 9 PM

Come for a good time and to make new acquaintances!

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