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May 2022

The Gulf View



Board Meeting
Monthly Meeting June 15th – 2 PM
Jacaranda Library – Watch for sign at front entrance.

Sarasota County Sheriff
Non-Emergency Number
941-486-2444

Commentary

Eric Martell, Editor

Spring is here judging from the calendar, but when I stick my head outside, it seems suspiciously like summer. The heat is coming and we should appreciate any breath of cool air we get in the early mornings from now until about November. I'm laughing internally as I write since I'm thinking of friends and relatives stuck in northern climes. They think that we have it made climate-wise. The Florida heat and humidity are nice until about mid-summer. That's when you get pretty tired of running from the car to the air-conditioned house and start wishing for a nice 50 degree F day. I guess there's no such thing as a perfect place to live, still I'm happy with our house in Gulf View Estates. Not only is the weather good, but the neighbors are uniformly friendly and the location is very convenient.

The big news from the last month involves our first ever Food Truck Night. It was well attended. After considerable marketing effort using private funds (no HOA funds were used for any part of the event), we collected 182 RSVPs. This was needed to ensure that GitChewSumBBQ brought enough food. While it was too confusing to keep count during the event, the cashier estimated about 175 people actually attended. The weather was great, the location worked out and no one complained about our restricting traffic on Pierce, plus no one parked on the grass, so there was no lawn damage. Vicki Hollis set up her art fair tent and displayed some of her watercolors while providing shade for some of the attendees. Several people brought their own music and most people brought their own drinks.

We discovered too late that the truck did not bring drinks, so your editor drove home and returned with a cooler of ice and water bottles. That proved to be a popular decision and about half of the 96 bottles I'd jammed in the cooler disappeared.

Generally, the event was met with approbation and considerable enthusiasm, so there has been some discussion of having the event again. At this point, no decision has been made, but the general consensus is to wait until Fall then invite one truck a month during the winter season. We won't send out invitations, but there will be a sign at the front entrance. The trucks will bring their normal amount of food and when they're out of something, they're out. This seems to be the process for other communities. We investigated and food trucks visit quite a number of different neighborhoods on a regular basis.

The newsletter is online at Gulfviewstates.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.

I've posted the Sarasota County Sheriff's non-emergency number above. Use it to report solicitors, speeders, and other non-emergency issues. If it is a true life and death emergency, call 911. Do not call the board of directors members or the management company. They do not handle police-related issues.

Regards!
Eric Martell

By the way, I found out how to stop a food truck...you use the "Lunch Brake!" (Groan!)

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

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Board Business

The monthly board meeting was held May 18 at the Jacaranda Library. A quorum was present, although three members of the board were absent for various reasons. The meeting was presided over by William Hulshoff, Vice-President.

- VP's Report – Remaining streets are scheduled for 2023.
- Treasurer's Report – No report this time.
- Secretaries Report – Nothing to report.
- Management Report – Fewer (36) 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. It was recommended that the HOA forgive all collectible debts of \$10 or less in order to clean up the AR ledger. That recommendation was voted upon and approved.
- 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.
- Landscaping at front entrance: A proposal to renovate the front entrance and island landscaping was made and passed. The board has received a bid and intends to hire a landscaper (Blue Heron) with extensive experience with community entrance planting. The first part of the bid was for \$1500 to remove the old and dead plants while leaving the palms. The second part involves \$12,000 for 340 plants that thrive in full-sun and dryer conditions that will be planted, fertilized, and mulched. The plants will be colorful and will make a nice statement about our community. The money is available for this project. Audience comments indicated that this is an improvement that is past due.
- The existing mulch at the front wall was recently renewed and now looks much better, although the plants in front of the wall are aging, they should last for awhile longer.
- The board set up a new committee to oversee the landscaping requirements. Rich Delco is the chairman and Michelle Brown and William Hulshoff are other members.
- 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.) Expanding your driveway with pavers seems to be popular. Please consult with Ron Weirks prior to starting that project.
- 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.
- Welcome Committee – The Welcome Committee has resumed home visits to new residents and is delivering HOA and Board information packets plus a fresh mini-bread loaf baked by Barb Mueller.
- Newsletters are printing and color copies are placed in the box next to the bulletin board. Copies can be delivered to your home on request. The Management Company is emailing copies to everyone who has turned in an email address.
- Finally, current and archived newsletters can be found on GulfViewEstates.Com (click on Newsletters and follow the instructions to find the one you want.)

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Gulf View Estates Pictures First Ever Food Truck Night



Thanks to Vickie Hollis for the use of her Art Show Tent



Thanks to Bill Hulshoff for helping with traffic cones and cleanup



Excellent food provided by GitChewSumBBQ Truck



There were 182 RSVPs and an estimated 175 showed up. Some people took their food home, but as you can see from the pictures many stayed to enjoy the nice weather and socialize with their neighbors. The general consensus was the food was great and we've got to do this again! Thanks to all volunteers who made this event a success!

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

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Calendar of Events

May 26th – 5:00PM Neighbors’ Dinner
Artur’s Restaurant – 70 N. Indiana Ave in Englewood
Call Terry MacAllister @865-705-8982

June 2nd – 11:30 AM Ladies Lunch
Valenti’s Restaurant – 1200 E. Venice Ave.
Call Nancy Burnham @207-332-3164

June 23rd – 5:00 PM Neighbor’s Dinner
Left Coast Seafood – 385 US HWY 41 Bypass N.
Call Sally Martell @407-947-3618

July 7th – 11:30 AM Ladies Lunch
Anita’s Restaurant – 441 Tamiami Trl S., Nokomis
Call Rosemary Reisse @941-303-6180

July 28th – 5:00 PM Neighbor’s Dinner
Pincher’s Restaurant – 900 Venetia Bay Blvd.
Call Kathy Albers @314-629-6747

We need volunteers for a Food Truck Event Committee – to be discussed at the next board meeting. Call Sally Martell @407-947-3618

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