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June 2022

The Gulf View



Board Meeting
Monthly Meeting July 20th – 2 PM
Jacaranda Library – Watch for sign at front
entrance.

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

Commentary

Eric Martell, Editor

The pre-heating phase of the Florida oven is over. Now we're into the bake mode. Let's just hope it doesn't move into the turbo-bake setting. Still, the warm weather is one of the reasons we live in Florida. It gives us a great chance to irritate our northern relatives in the winter. I love to hear my brother's teeth grind over the phone when I tell him I'm wearing a tee-shirt and shorts in mid-January right after he's told me they had 8" of snow overnight.

With the hot weather, those of the snowbird persuasion have flown north for cooler climes. There seems to be an inverse relationship between the temperature and the real estate market which is definitely cooling. There are more houses for sale and they are taking longer to find buyers than even a month ago. Perhaps this has something to do with the general state of the economy – it's a little disturbing to fill your tank with premium gas and find that you've just spent over \$100. I remember buying gas for \$0.17/gallon when I was in college. A year ago it was reasonably priced, but now, you almost have to apply for a mortgage in order to fill up. And, speaking of high prices, how are we going to afford food, presuming there is some in stock at the grocery store? (Sorry about the negativity, but inflation is a real problem.)

Along with the hot weather we've had another incursion of wild hogs from Sarasota National's property. They hit our back yard so hard that I got the idea I should capture and train them, then rent them out to plough people's gardens. Unfortunately, they are erratic and leave deep holes rather than turning over all the earth. You're likely to sprain an ankle trying to walk through the area.

I mounted a solar-powered motion-sensitive light on our pool cage. The pigs seem to like it. I think it helps them see the grubs they're digging for. Then I put up a motion-sensitive siren with a flashing strobe. Now all they need is some dance music so they can enjoy our backyard discoteque. One of our neighbors hired a trapper a couple of years ago. They took 5 hogs and the bill was quite high. I'm not going to pay that kind of money for some stinking pig.

My next attempt will involve a remote alarm that will wake me up so I can go and shout imprecations at the intruders. Who knows? Maybe they'll like that too, but I hope not.

A man was driving down the road when he saw a farmer lifting a pig up to a tree to eat apples. Confused, and curious, the guy pulls over to watch as the farmer picked up pig after pig and held them up to the tree so each could eat an apple. After watching for a while, he asked the farmer "Wouldn't it save a lot of time if you shook the tree so the apples fell on the ground and the pigs just eat them there?"

The farmer shrugged and replied, "What's time to a pig?"

Regards,

Eric Martell

(Ok. I admit it was a dumb joke.)

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 delayed from June until July due to the lack of a quorum. Due to a variety of reasons, the board is short of the required number of members. Volunteers are needed, so if you're feeling an urge to perform much needed community service, call our board President, Rich Delco.

The below board information is from the May meeting.

- 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 Animal Pictures



How nice! Mr. Bobcat is taking Mr. Squirrel to lunch!



The Sandhill Crane Strut



Night visitor to the neighborhood



One of the local tree frogs



The otters come out of the storm drain in the back yard.



This year's chick is more interested in the camera than Mom and Dad



The Ibis lunch bunch



The Backyard Pig Plough Team

Note: I forgot to set the correct date on my game camera, so please disregard it.

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

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Calendar of Events

July 7th – 11:30 AM Ladies Lunch

Anita's Restaurant – 441 Tamiami Trl S., Nokomis

Call Kathy Albers @314-629-6747

July 28th – 5PM Neighbor's Dinner

Pincher's Restaurant – 900 Venetia Bay Blvd.

Call Kathy Albers @314-629-6747

Aug. 4th – 11:30 AM Ladies Lunch

To Be Determined

Call Darlene Fagerstrom @845-492-0289

Aug. 25th – 5:00 PM Neighbor's Dinner

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Call Darlene Fagerstrom @845-492-0289

Sept. 1st – 11:30 AM Ladies Lunch

To Be Determined

Call Nancy Bell @843-384-3838

Sept. 22nd – 5:00 PM Neighbor's Dinner

To Be Determined

Call Michelle Brown @248-437-0100

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

Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons

President	Rich Delco	941-493-5266
Vice-President	William Hulshoff	518-524-7833
Secretary	Bonnie McGuigan	941-375-8597
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Director	John Brown	734-564-2073
Director	Ed Kowalski	941-493-5584
Director/Architectural Review	Ron Weirks	732-259-2555
Street Captain Coordinator	Alan Wrather	630-209-8345
Maintenance	Rich Delco	941-493-5266
Landscaping	Rich Delco & Michelle Brown	941-493-5266
Welcoming Committee	Beth Delp & Sally Martell	941-493-0942
Newsletter Committee	Eric & Sally Martell	941-408-0905
Flagpole	Joe Bell & Drew Buckmeister	845-661-5927