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The Gulf View

Board Meeting
Monthly Meeting January 18th – 2 PM
Jacaranda Library – Watch for sign at front entrance.

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

Commentary

Eric Martell, Editor

It's a new year with new opportunities. People often like to imagine they are going to change their bad habits during the first few weeks of the new year. The other day, I saw a meme on the Internet regarding that precise issue. There was a picture of some wine bottles and the text said, "I'm going to join new gym this year. It's called Resolutions. The first four weeks there will be work-out equipment, but after that it becomes a wine bar."

I thought that was setting the bar (ha ha! See what I did there:-) a little low. It's easier to drink wine than whine about sore muscles from working out.

Still, it is a new year and I've resolved to release the community newsletter on a more regular schedule. There was always some confusion when it was released after the board meeting. People complained that they were receiving last month's news during the first week of the new month. Releasing old news is an inescapable part of newsletters like this. It's not like we have urgent issues to discuss...at least not usually. So, the result is that I intend to get the newsletter out during the first half of each month. Of course, you know how New Year's Resolutions go, but I'm going to do my best on this one.

The Annual Meeting failed to have a quorum. As a result, that meeting has not been adjourned until the board can receive enough proxies to constitute a quorum. The budget for the upcoming year is set and it includes a \$30 one-time increase in the annual dues. We will be paying \$265.00 for 2023. The extra money is needed to recover from hurricane damage to the electrical system at the front entrance, damage to the landscaping, fountains, electrical systems and other items that the HOA maintains. If you haven't received your bill, contact Sean Noonan right away. It's due by Jan. 31.

The Board of Directors recognized the unusual circumstances and has relaxed the home and yard maintenance standards. This grace period will expire April 30th, so it would be a good idea to finalize repair of your landscaping, pool cage, and house. Most of the homes in the neighborhood are now or are being brought into good condition. There are still blue tarps and people waiting on roof and screen enclosure repair. The storms gave contractors more work than they could handle on a timely basis. I've spoken to some people who expect to wait months for screen enclosure repair.

There still one large stump on the land by the pond. As you may know, Gulf View Estates does not own that land. It is part of Pennington Place, even though we benefit from the view and access to recreational fishing. Dumping waste there is illegal. (Dumping anything anywhere in GVE is not allowed, for that matter.) A police report has been filed on that stump, but we have yet to see any action.

The Christmas Holiday was celebrated in GVE with a food truck night. Thanks to Rich Troncone who provided expert DJ service and played oldies for entertainment. The event was well-attended and everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Regards!


Eric

Large Item Trash Pickup: You must schedule a pickup with Victoria Scott, Customer Service Representative, Waste Management by emailing VScott@wm.com.

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- President's Report – We have a general decline in compliance with the EC&Rs resulting in a degradation in the community appearance. Beginning in January, the Board will begin enforcement actions to bring the look of the community back to its previous standard. There are many items requiring action due to the storms. Budget allowances have been made for them, but this requires increasing the annual fee by \$30 to \$265 for 2023, after which it should revert. The new LED street lights will be installed in 2023 and should result in at least a 50% savings in the current power bill. **Please remember: No parking on the grass!**
- Treasurer's Report – There is currently \$38,000 in the operating fund, \$30,000 in the reserve fund, and \$2,700 due in fines for violations of the EC&Rs.
- Secretaries Report – The Annual Garage Sale is February 4th from 9 to 3. The cost will be \$4.00 per participating house. This will pay for advertisements and signage. There will be no annual picnic.
- The Street Ambassador program is up and running under the competent direction of Lynn O'Neill. This will ensure that new residents are welcomed and receive a comprehensive package of useful documents including a newly-written summary of the EC&Rs. This committee will meet quarterly. Ambassadors will also deliver newsletters on their assigned streets. Out of 367 homes, 309 desire home delivery. There are currently 28 Ambassadors, but more are needed to have 2 per street. Ambassadors are needed on McKinley, Taylor, and Lincoln.
- Residents are not required to get ARB approval when replacing a roof with a similar product (no 3-tab roofs allowed), 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. Consult with the ARB for approval prior to starting that project.
- Roads – Some potholes have been turned in for repair to the county. To request pothole repair, call 311 and they will route the call to the appropriate person. More people making requests might possibly get quicker action.
- 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.
- Note: GVE is NOT zoned for short-term vacation rentals. There have been complaints of this activity. Renting a home in GVE to transient tenants is not allowed and will cause you to be fined.
- Your editor has created a new summary sheet for the covenants and restrictions with which we are all bound to comply. It's available online and will be given to all new residents in the Welcome Kit and also mailed to new residents by the HOA Management Company.

Looking for players of Pepper (card game similar to Euchre), or Bocce, and/or Cornhole. Let's get together. Call Tom and Sue Myers at 941-492-6757.



NEW WATERING SCHEDULE

Beginning Jan. 1, 2023, this schedule for residents in unincorporated Sarasota County will take effect.

- **Monday** – addresses ending in 0/1
- **Tuesday** – addresses ending in 2/3
- **Wednesday** – addresses ending in 4/5
- **Thursday** – addresses ending in 6/7
- **Friday** – addresses ending in 8/9
- **Saturday** – addresses with no number or end with a letter
- **Sunday** – no watering

Learn more at scgov.net (keywords water restrictions) or call 311 to learn more.

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One of our local Alligators from a reasonable distance.



They have a bad habit of snapping when approached. (Zoomed close-up pictures are safe.) Pictures courtesy of John and Debbie Dacey.



Food Truck Night



Food and Music



Food worth waiting for!



Desert Table courtesy of Sally and Eric Martell

We noticed one of the Limpkins that frequent the waterfront had become entangled in some fishing line on the Pennington Place side of the pond. It was hanging upside-down on one of the Willows. Please try to retrieve all fishing line around the pond. After some debate and a little research, we found that the Wildlife Center of Southwest Florida will deal with trapped, injured, ill, or orphaned animals of all species. They came out with a kayak and retrieved the bird. Unfortunately, it had been trapped for too long and had exhausted itself to the point of expiring just prior to their arrival. Should you encounter an animal or bird that needs assistance, call them at 941-484-9657 between 8am and 6pm. For a true emergency outside of business hours, call: 941-416-4967.

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Calendar of Events

Jan 26th – 5PM GVE Community Dinner
FOOD TRUCK NIGHT! Allen's BBQ & Seafood
Call Sally Martell @407-947-3618

Feb 2nd – 11:30 AM Ladies Lunch
Le Petit Jardin Cafe – 1500 E. Venice Ave, #401
Call Barbara Kopp @941-493-3735

Saturday Feb 4th – Annual Community Garage Sale
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
\$4.00/participating household

Feb 23rd – 5PM GVE Community Dinner
FOOD TRUCK NIGHT! Got Sausage Express
Call Sally Martell @407-947-3618

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