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The Gulf View

Board Meeting
Monthly Meeting March 15th
2 PM @ Jacaranda Library

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

Large Item Trash Pickup
941-493-4100

Commentary

Eric Martell, Editor

March! Isn't it, "In like a lion, out like a lamb?" Down here in SW Florida, it's more like, "Honey? Why is the oven on with the door open?" Well, we have been having some cool(er) weather, but the season of heat is rapidly approaching. In GVE, things have mostly recovered after the storms. There are only a few blue tarps left, mostly because some people are having difficulties with insurance agencies. The damaged plants and trees are beginning to recover and get on with their business. That's mildly reassuring, since it leads me to consider the idea that life will continue, no matter what storms may come. That applies to us humans, too.

While storm damage can be understood and excused, it's a little harder to condone repeated violations of the community rules. These rules are intended to help keep the neighborhood nice for all. There is a minor cost in terms of some slight inconvenience to individuals in complying with them. Still, bending over to pick up your dog's waste will probably be good for your back. Not parking on the grass is definitely helpful to the grass. Putting your trash containers out on Thursday evening and moving them back out of sight after they are emptied on Friday helps keep the community looking nice and that directly relates to property values.

In case you're wondering, I don't enjoy haranguing about the rules, but until everyone takes responsibility, it's sadly the duty of the GVE news to remind them. If given the choice, I'd rather use my scant spare time to write stories, play music, or tell jokes.

Have you noticed that the older you get, the more difficult it becomes to remember things. That's said to be due to the brain's indexing system becoming overloaded. We never really forget anything, instead, all that data is stuffed away in the ole' attic with no reliable way to locate it.

A husband and wife were watching TV, when he stood up and headed for the kitchen.

She asked, "Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?"

"Sure."

"Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?" she asked.

"No, I can remember it."

"Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?"

He said, "I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

"I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down!" she instructed.

Irritated, he replied, "I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream. I got it, for goodness sake!" He stomped into the kitchen, ignoring the notepad and pen she was holding out to him.

Twenty minutes later, he came back in and handed her a plate of bacon and eggs.

She stared blankly at the plate for a few seconds, then complained, "Where's my toast?" ;-)

Eric

EC&R Reminder: Unsightly Objects - Visible Storage. All refuse and trash containers, oil or propane gas tanks, water softening equipment, air conditioners, permanent generators, swimming pool filters, pumps, and other similar items, must be underground or hidden from view of all neighboring lots by a landscaped hedge, shrubs, wall, or fence, of sufficient height and length to conceal the equipment. Walls and fences shall be architecturally attached to the dwelling.

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January Board Meeting Notes

- **President's Report:** John Unnerstall will check the area where the pond is undercutting the front wall. There have been instances of the water lines that run from the water-meter to the house failing. It would be a good idea to check around your water-meter to see if there are any leaks. The rest of the roads in GVE are scheduled to be resurfaced this year. The county's Fiscal year 2023 is in design and will take at least until summer to complete the bidding process. We should have information then about resurfacing. We have had some additions to the Board of Directors. Please see the list of members on the last page of the newsletter. The board has received 3 bids for mowing along Pierce and the front. The bid from Blue Heron was approved for the next year. Electrical work on the front entrance is ongoing with the intent of refreshing the entrance lighting. Landscaping work is in progress on the front entrance, also. Pet waste **must be** picked up and disposed of in the garbage. This includes (per our covenants and restrictions) the waste your dog leaves in your own yard. Having a yard covered with dog poop is a disservice to your neighbors. Hurricane debris and tree waste: Anything that has landed in your yard is your responsibility. Letter is being sent to the owner of the house on Adams with the boarded up door requesting that he appear at the next board meeting to explain his plans for the house. The Board is also working on past-due fines for another house suffering from special circumstances.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Some people sent in automatic payments for dues that were insufficient because of the hurricane-caused increase. They need to send in the remainder of their dues for this year. GVE has two accounts: a reserve account and an operating account.
- **Secretary's Report:** The garage sale charged no fees this year, since there were no advertising costs. The large, custom banners that were placed at the front entrance will be reused in future years.
- **Vice-President's report:** Frontier has a number of in-ground fiber-optic boxes that are missing covers. Replacements have been ordered, but will be slow to arrive. The board has asked FPL to repaint transformer boxes, but it is not certain they will comply. A letter to the Postmaster and our Congressional Rep. Greg Steube was sent requesting that the damaged postal boxes in the community be repaired. Deed restrictions are to be reviewed and clarified. Issues are basketball goals, swing sets, solar panels. Combining the two phases of the community legally is being investigated - this will make it easier to get a quorum for the annual meeting. GVE Website review with Sunstate.
- **Architectural Review Board:** There were two requests. One for a new swimming pool and one to widen a driveway with pavers. Both were approved.
- **Management Company Report:** David Altiero has been assigned as the new Community Association Manager by Sunstate (See the top left box on the front page for contact info).
- **Newsletter committee:** We have worked through most of the delivery problems and the newsletters are scheduled to come out near the end of each month. Food Truck Night signs will be placed at the front entrance and along Pierce the week of the event and an email will be sent to all residents. Please attend and enjoy the evening!
- **Street Ambassador Committee:** Additional volunteers still needed. Delivering the newsletter is a great way to meet neighbors. You can access the list of community residents on the website at GulfViewEstates.com. Select "Association," then "Residents Only." You will be asked for a password (which is GVE) to enter that section.
- **Homeowner's comments:** Burt Kenyon brought up the issue of the lake aeration fountains needing repair. The north fountain is the most urgent, since that body of water is somewhat isolated and more likely to become stagnant.

Important! – Sarasota County has released a new watering schedule. Please observe the watering day for your address. The County drives through neighborhoods and check on a random schedule.

- 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 ending with a letter
- Sunday – no watering

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February Ladies' Luncheon



Food Truck - 85 Attendees



The Community Garage Sale was a Success!



Garage Sale Shoppers



Food, Friends, & Music



Music by Rich Tronccone



GVE had an invasion of Birthday Cows!

Food Truck Night in February

Provided by Sausage Express
Entertainment by Rich Tronccone

The weather was warmer than last month, but we still had 85 attendees, all of whom seemed to have had a great time.

Notice: If you play an instrument and would like to volunteer for a Food Truck Night, call Eric Martell at 407-947-3617 to discuss.

Hobby Groups!

Peggy Roder is coordinating hobby and activity groups. Call her to discuss your hobby and possibly make contact with others who share your interests. Peggy's Phone: 419-341-4005 or Email: pegro123@gmail.com

The March 23rd Food Truck Menu will be sent out via email blast to all residents.

Plan on being there!

A Reminder!

The street numbers in our neighborhood are the same on every cross street. Please! If you receive mail for your neighbor with the same street number on another street, be kind enough to deliver it to their door. The postal contractors sometimes mistake streets, particularly Taylor and Tyler. One resident informed me that her tax documents were lost due to being delivered to the wrong address. Sure, it's an imposition to ask that you go out of your way to do the postal service's job, but it's a relatively minor one. Besides, the next time, it might be your critical letter that is mis-delivered. Remember, what goes around, comes around.

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Calendar of Events

Thursday Mar 2nd – 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch

Burgundy Square – 227 Miami Ave

Call Margaret Johnson @203-524-4023

Wednesday Mar 15th – Monthly Board Meeting

2PM @ Jacaranda Library

Thursday Mar 23rd – 5PM GVE FOOD TRUCK NIGHT!

Brown's Food Factory

On Pierce between Buchanan & Garfield

Thursday April 6nd – 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch

Original Word of Mouth – 1740 E. Venice Ave.

Call Lisa Kyriakos @610-202-9221

Wednesday April 19th – Monthly Board Meeting

2PM @ Jacaranda Library

Thursday April 27rd – 5PM FOOD TRUCK NIGHT!

NAS Philly Steaks

On Pierce between Buchanan & Garfield

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