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November 2023



The Gulf View

Board Meeting
Monthly Meeting November 15th – 2PM
Zoom Call access available
Jacaranda Library

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

Large Item Trash Pickup
941-493-4100

Commentary

Eric Martell, Editor

GVE has a reputation as a well-kept neighborhood with good housing values. The EC&Rs are, in part, responsible for this, and they are a legal part of your home ownership, delineating the responsibilities you took on when you purchased here. The rules are deeded with your property and must be followed. Their intent is to preserve and improve the neighborhood's looks and values.

If, due to your circumstances, you believe that you need a variance to the community rules, you can apply to the Board of Directors as per the process described in the EC&Rs. The board is composed of your neighbors who have volunteered to help manage the community. Please remember that they are not there to enforce random restrictions and penalties on residents arbitrarily and have no authority to intervene in anything other than violations of the EC&Rs and the normal business of maintaining the community.

Sometimes, a resident has an issue that impacts the neighborhood and requires enforcement of the standards. GVE has a compliance committee (not the Board of Directors) responsible for noting problems and imposing fines. If you get a letter, you should email Lauren Wilson at Sunstate Management (see her email at the top of this page) and inform her of your intent to address the problem.

Screen enclosure damage is a problem due to the storms of the last two years. It is both a Federal and a State requirement to have swimming pools enclosed by a barrier that will keep children from drowning. If you do not have such a barrier (GVE requires a screen cage), you must get one as soon as possible. Some people have had problems with their insurance company, and some pools still miss cages and screens from Hurricane Ian over a year ago. That's not a valid excuse for the law.

Bicycle riders: Please consider the pedestrians, especially those walking dogs. It's a safety issue to warn pedestrians you are overtaking. It's also a good practice to stay well clear of dogs on leashes, thus avoiding any entanglements or bites.

It's getting darker earlier, and we have only a few street lights. It's an EC&R requirement for every house to have a post light in the front yard or the garage lights on from dusk to dawn in GVE.

Dogs must be on leashes when outside per Sarasota County. Please protect your pet and others out walking in the community.

The Food Truck event on November 16 will also host the First GVE Craft Fair. If you're an artist, crafter, or author and would like to display your work (at no cost), please call Kim Baigert at 860-302-5879 by November 10 to reserve a spot. Food Truck night attendance is usually 80 people or more and it's holiday season, so there could be some customers for your crafts.

Musicians who would like to perform at a Food Truck night, please get in touch with Eric Martell at 407-947-3617. We're considering offering an Open Mic at a Food Truck event after the holidays.

We have a lovely community of 367 houses owned by all types of people: some older, some younger, some veterans, some disabled, some single, some married, and so on. We need to keep this community as cohesive as possible to preserve the idea of a neighborhood. The best thing you can do is keep everyone's rights and feelings in mind. GVE will benefit.

Regards to all!
Eric

Congratulations to GVE Resident Carrie McDonald! Named Venice High School Teacher of the Year!

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October

Board Meeting Notes

- **Public comments** were allowed to start the meeting. Homeowners were present and expressed concerns about fence issue and also about unsecured and open swimming pools. A question was raised about the costs involved in the fence mediation. A letter was read that stated the writer felt that the community property values would decline if fences are allowed. The issue of changing the covenants and restrictions was raised.
- **President's Report:** President addressed some of the above questions as did Lauren Wilson, our new Sunstate Property manager.
- **Vice-President's Report:** There is a committee currently working on possible revisions to the EC&Rs.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer is currently reviewing payments needed, including costs for new Post Office Boxes. He has asked Sunstate to be on the list with the bank to receive all statements and info directly.
- **Secretary's Report:** Secretary discussed the upcoming annual meeting. Need a new NO SOLICITING sign at the entrance. Discussed the fact that the curb around the island is hard to see at night.
- **Architectural Review Board:** A pool installation was approved on Washington.
- **Streets:** The remainder of our streets are on schedule for resurfacing. An inquiry as to the schedule is in process.
- **Landscaping:** Blue Heron is handling maintenance of the common areas. There is a vacant lot on Roosevelt that needs mowing. The county states that it's up to the adjacent land owners to maintain, if they want. The county does not maintain lots that are unused street ends, even if they own them, as is the case here. The Copper plants at the front entrance are not doing well in the heat. There is no irrigation vendor as yet.
- **Irrigation:** Detailed bids for service are being re-sent with scope of work in order to solicit more bids.
- **Management Company Report:** Lauren Wilson is our new manager. She has extensive experience and will work to avoid problems going forward. The Venice Sunstate office has closed and all records have been moved to the Sarasota office. Lauren works remotely, so she is not affected by the move.
- **Newsletter Committee:** House delivery is now resumed via the Street Ambassadors. The emailed newsletter from Sunstate will continue. A limited number of excess printed copies will be placed in the box by the bulletin board. Community events were discussed – please see schedule on page 4.
- **Street Ambassador Committee:** A new resident welcome section is being added to the Newsletter, although there were no new residents this past month. Thanks to all of the Ambassador Volunteers. New Volunteers are needed!
- **Compliance Committee:** **No political signs or flags are permitted. Please see Florida Statutes 720.304 regarding the display of flags.** If you get a letter regarding your property, the first step is to contact Lauren Wilson at Sunstate (best done by email). No compliance issues were reported.
- **Maintenance:** October is Fire Prevention Month. If your cell phone charger grows hot, it may be a fire hazard and it should be replaced. Pet waste – The county Sheriff will write tickets for this. Documentation of the pet and it's residence are needed (preferably photos). Holiday lights will be left on Royal Palms throughout the year. Volunteers asked to help decorate entrance on November 18.
- **New Business:** Request to have front entrance re-stripped to provide for only one vehicle leaving the community at a time, rather than the current two lane exit. The reason given was that two lanes sometimes result in poor visibility of oncoming traffic, especially in the winter season. A single lane would ensure that the view on both sides of the exiting vehicle is unobstructed.
Board of Directors Nominations are due in writing to Lauren Wilson by November 6th at 5PM.
The new budget will be presented at the November meeting.

Sarasota County has a FREE Title Fraud Prevention Service – DON'T Pay for this!

It's possible for a fraudster to deed your property into a different name, take out a mortgage on it, pocket the cash and then leave you with unexpected legal problems and owing a large amount on your home. You can register with Sarasota County for a service that will alert you any time there is a change to your property record. It is free to do so and is highly recommended. Simply visit this site: <https://secure.sarasotaclerk.com/ORFraudAlerts.aspx>

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Halloween Decor



GVE Graveyard???



Mobstah Lobstah Food Truck Night



Food Truck Line



Listening to Live Music at the Food Truck

Our Gulf View Estates Street Ambassadors volunteer their time year-round to welcome new residents to our community. The Ambassadors are a friendly face as they introduce themselves to the new residents on their street and welcome them with a bag full of useful information about GVE, Venice and Sarasota. They also deliver the monthly newsletter to homes on their street October – May.

Each street has 1 - 3 Ambassadors. Some help out year-round. Some are here only seasonally. Some are back-up, helping when needed. We are in particular need of additional Ambassadors on the following streets:
Washington, Lincoln, Taylor, McKinley, Wilson and Roosevelt.

If you'd like to participate in the Ambassador Program or have questions about what we do, please text or call **Lynn O'Neill @ 617-775-8830** or email to **lynnoneill50@gmail.com**

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Calendar of Events

November 2nd 11:30AM – Ladies Lunch
Pincher's Restaurant – 900 Venetia Bay Blvd., Venice
Call Nancy Bell @ 843-384-3838

November 15th – 2PM HOA Board Meeting

**November 16th 4:00 PM – Food Truck Night!
& First GVE Arts & Crafts Fair!**
Grace's Taste of Poland

November 18th 9:00AM – at GVE Entrance – Volunteers needed to help with Holiday Decorations

December 6th 5:45PM – Annual Board Meeting
Jacaranda Library at 5:45PM – Registration starts at 5:00PM

December 7th 12:00PM – Ladies Lunch
3 Bridges Brewing – 175 S. Tamiami Trl.
Call Alice Burdo @941-223-0660

December 14th 4:00 PM – Food Truck Night!
Get Chew Sum BBQ

GVE Residents who are Artists, Crafters, and Authors, the First GVE Arts & Crafts Fair will be held in conjunction with the November 16th Food Truck Night. If you'd like to display your work, Register with Kim Baigert at 860-302-5789 by November 10th to reserve a space!

Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons

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Your GVE Street Ambassador:

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