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December 2023



The Gulf View

Community Meeting

Annual Meeting December 6th – 6PM

Registration starts at 5PM

@Jacaranda Library

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

*Large Item Trash Pickup
941-493-4100*

Commentary

Eric Martell, Editor

Winter approaches! Time to change the oil in the snowblower, uh, er, maybe not. No Snow! That's one benefit from living where we live. I can say this with authority, since I'm currently recovering from Thanksgiving in 17 degree weather and looking forward to returning to GVE. As a holiday thought, thanks to the volunteers who helped decorate our entrance!

On a more serious note, we have an upcoming Annual Meeting on December 6th at the Jacaranda Library. We need enough people interested in the management of our community to form a quorum. Last year we didn't have quite enough people. There are two ways you can ensure this happens this year. One is to attend the meeting. The alternative is to sign a proxy and give it to someone who will attend, or deposit it in the mailbox by the bulletin board, or mail it to Sunstate.

These steps aren't too tricky, but in our increasingly chaotic and busy world, they might be viewed as an unreasonable imposition on an already packed schedule. I'm not criticizing anyone. My schedule is packed, also. Just...please attend the meeting or send in a proxy. Your opinion and vote are important. We have a nice community and that benefits everyone, but it takes a modicum of effort and care from all residents (not just volunteers) to keep it that way.

Make plans now to attend the December Food Truck event on the 14th. The Food Truck event will be the final all-community event for 2023. Even if you don't want to buy supper from the Food Truck, you can still bring a chair over, visit with friends, and listen to live music. There will also be a 50-50 raffle, which you might benefit from, given a little luck!

We have had good attendance at all prior Food Trucks, with 80-90 people being served. We appreciate all those who support the Food Truck Vendors and enjoy the event. The program has been a success and the Food Truck Vendors are anxious to return.

The damage caused by Hurricane Ian is mostly under control at this point. Beginning in January, the Board of Directors has resolved to begin enforcing all GVE covenants and restrictions in the process defined by Florida Statute 720. This does not mean major changes, but it does mean that fines will be issued to those residents who persist in ignoring compliance letters. Remember, the first step you should take if you receive a compliance letter is to contact Lauren Wilson at Lauren@sunstatemanagement.com. If you ignore the first two letters, you will risk being fined.

Here's a new way of looking at life's progression – The three stages of existence: First, you believe in Santa Claus, next you don't believe in Santa Claus, and finally, you are Santa Claus.

See you at the annual meeting and the December Food Truck!

Eric

Welcome Michael & Maria Johnson from Parker, CO—New residents on Harrison.

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October Board Meeting Notes

- **President's Report:** Minutes of the previous meeting approved with slight modifications. The issue of our community being divided into two sections (legally) has been addressed. This was a problem for our annual meeting last year. A quorum for our annual meeting is defined as a majority of the property owners of the community.
- **Resident's Comments:** The issue of unscreened and open pools was raised again. There are some pools that have no enclosures in our community. It makes no difference if this is due to storm damage or insurance issues, it is illegal. Florida has specific laws mandating that pools must be enclosed. If your pool is open, you are exposing yourself to more than mosquitoes. Instead of an itchy bite, you might get fined or, possibly worse, be held liable for personal injury. Please take action to enclose your pool with a screen enclosure.
- **Vice President's Report:** Nothing this time.
- **Treasurer's Report:** We are operating within our budget, but, due to unexpected legal expenses, our annual dues will remain at \$265 per year. A reduction had been planned for this year, but that is not to be. The majority of past due accounts are now current.
- **Secretary's Report:** Nothing at this time.
- **Management Company Report:** The Notices of Annual Meeting have been sent out in a timely fashion. The request for nominees to fill Board of Director positions was sent out. Not enough people were nominated (volunteered) to require a formal election. The Annual Meeting will start registration at 5PM on December 6th and will convene at 6PM at the Jacaranda Library. The proxys have been sent out, so if you can't attend, please fill out your proxy and deposit them in the mailbox by the bulletin board or give them to someone who is attending.
- **Landscape Committee:** Blue Heron provides mowing services for the community. They have an irrigation division, but there is, as yet, no contract with them or any other provider for irrigation services. The front entrance irrigation system needs periodic maintenance and continuous checking for broken or mis-aimed heads. Each board member will inspect the system in a rotating schedule. However, residents are encouraged to report any problems they see with the irrigation to a board member.
- **Maintenance Committee:** By the time this newsletter is out, the Holiday lights should be fully installed at the front entrance. There was some discussion about the potential clogging of the ponds by vegetation. Prior to the excavation of the canal between the west and east ponds along Pierce, there was a flooding issue. The complicating factor is that the ponds belong to Pennington Place and are not our responsibility. Eric Martell is looking into potential solutions.
- **Street Committee:** The resurfacing of the remainder of the community is supposed to be on the county's schedule, but there has been no action as yet. There was a suggestion that our entrance be narrowed to a single lane to ensure that every resident has an adequate field of view when exiting. This is not possible without an expensive and lengthy bureaucratic process with the DOT. Residents are encouraged to take extra care, including being considerate of others, when exiting. Traffic is high during the winter months and people come by GVE at high rates of speed. We do not want to have a fatality on our doorsteps.
- **Compliance Committee:** A workshop was held to ensure Board members understand compliance issue handling.
- **Architectural Review Board:** No requests this month.
- **Newsletter committee:** In-home delivery is being handled very nicely by the Street Ambassadors. Some residents have indicated that they do not want newsletters delivered to their homes. The Street Ambassadors try to honor these requests, but sometimes mistakes are made. This should not be a big issue, since unwanted newsletters can be discarded.
- **Events Committee:** This is a new committee, since our Food Truck events have proven to be popular. The chairs are Kim Baigert and Rosanna Gibbons. They are working to collect a Hobby interest list.
- **Street Ambassador Committee:** Additional volunteers still needed. Delivering the newsletter is a great way to meet neighbors. The Ambassadors received plaudits from the Board for their diligence and utility.
- **Unlawful Activities:** The issue of speeding in the neighborhood was discussed. The general consensus is that speed bumps are undesirable. Residents are encouraged to report speeding to the Sheriff's Department.
- **Unfinished business:** A new and more visible No Soliciting sign will be posted at our entrance in an effort to discourage solicitors. Compliance issues with properties are included in the estoppel reports to Title Companies engaged in closing property sales. This could delay or interfere with a sale, so please address issues immediately, if you receive a compliance letter from the management company. Fines have been mostly waived since Hurricane Ian, but will be imposed beginning in January.
- **New Business:** Budget for 2024 was discussed, amended slightly, and approved by the Board.
- The Meeting was closed, however, the Board remained for a brief executive session to discuss legal issues outstanding.

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November Food Truck – 90 people served



First GVE Craft Fair



The Craft Fair was a Success!



Thirteen Craft Display Tables with a nice variety of items for sale.



Wood Stork taking a break from delivering babies.



A Gopher Tortoise came into our garage and then wanted to come inside the house. He soon became discouraged and left.

Community Special Interest Groups – Now Forming
Contact Kim Baigert @ 860-302-5879 or Rosanna Gibbons @410-382-7394

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Calendar of Events

December 6th @6PM – Annual Board Meeting
Jacaranda Library – Registration starts at 5PM

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

Happy Holidays!

January 4th 11:30AM – Ladies Lunch
The British Open Pub – 367 Jacaranda
Call Sally Martell @407-947-3617

January 17th – 2PM HOA Board Meeting
Jacaranda Library

January 25th 4:00 PM – Food Truck Night!
The Maine Line

Annual Meeting – December 6th

Light refreshments, coffee and tea will be available at the meeting. Anyone who would like to bring their favorite holiday treat to share is encouraged to do so.

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