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January 2024



The Gulf View

Community Meeting
Board Meeting January 17th – 2PM
@Jacaranda Library
Zoom access available

Sarasota County Sheriff
Non-Emergency Number
941-486-2444
Large Item Trash Pickup
941-493-4100

Commentary

Eric Martell, Editor

We are blessed to live in a lovely community in a great location. I don't know about you, but most are pleased with the location when I speak to people in our neighborhood. Oh, sure, there are a few problems and some issues people don't like, but overall, Gulf View Estates is an excellent place to live, largely due to volunteers who serve their neighbors in various ways.

Sally and I firmly believe that one of our duties is to make the community better, more inclusive, and more desirable. For example, my newsletter writing is strictly voluntary. It takes me a few hours every month and sometimes engenders frustration when the needed information proves difficult to obtain. Still, I think the effort is worth it since I flatter myself that it provides a little 'glue' to help create a sense of community. I've donated my minor musical talent to many of the Food Truck events. Rich Troncone often volunteers to provide DJ services on Food Truck nights. The members of the Board of Directors are volunteers, as are the Street Ambassadors.

For her part, Sally initiated the street repaving effort through a petition to the county, the Street Ambassador program and the Food Truck events. We checked on over 50 houses for out-of-area owners after Ian, and assisted residents who needed help or information.

Now, I'm not trying to 'guilt you out' or brag about our dedication. My purpose is to pick out that, no matter how nice a community is, it requires some maintenance—some input to keep it going. If neglected, things have a way of falling into disrepair.

With all this being said, your mission, if you choose to accept it (ref. Mission Impossible Series/Tom Cruise) is to go just a little bit out of your way this next year. Take a moment to pick up a bit of litter, bring your garbage cans back in after the trash is picked up, talk to a neighbor you don't know, whatever you can do. It doesn't take much effort to improve things, and everyone will benefit. You'll also benefit by having a better environment and nicer neighborhood, possibly having more friends, and most certainly from feeling better about yourself and about where you live.

Wow! You'd think I was a preacher from the above. Well, not really, but sometimes I can't help myself, so please forgive me. Don't forget that forgiveness...you'll need it (or I will) after you read the following bits of wit:

- *How you can tell that Santa is real? You can always sense his presents.*
- *What nationality is Santa Claus? North Polish.*
- *Why does Santa go through the chimney? Because it soots him.*
- *What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa? A rebel without a Claus.*
- *Why did Santa go to the liquor store? He was looking for holiday spirits.*
- *What do you call Santa's little helpers? Subordinate Clauses.*
- *Where does Santa cash his checks? At the snow bank.*
- *You know that Santa named his cat after himself? ...Santa Claws...*

Best wishes to all!

Eric

Sarasota County Watering Restrictions/Schedule

If your address ends in:

0 or 1 – Water on Monday

4 or 5 – Water on Wednesday

8 or 9 – Water on Friday

2 or 3 – Water on Tuesday

6 or 7 – Water on Thursday

Common Areas – Water on Saturday

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Annual Community Meeting Notes

- **President's Report:** Minutes of the previous annual meeting were approved. Two members of the Board of Directors tendered their resignations during the past month: John Unnersall has resigned and were thanked for his unselfish community service.
- **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. (Note-this is an ongoing issue.) Open pool owners will now receive Compliance Violation letters and will run the risk of eventually getting fined.
- **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. Authorization issue for treasurer to access bank statements is in process.
- **Secretary's Report:** Bonnie McGuigan is retiring from the board. She received a round of applause for her years of service.
- **Management Company Report:** There were sufficient attendees and proxies received to constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting. Although there were not enough volunteers to fill all board seats (thus negating the requirement for an election), the membership voted to roll the 2023 budget surplus over into 2024 where it will be applied to ongoing expenses.
- **Landscape Committee:** Residents are encouraged to report any problems they see with the irrigation at the front entrance to any board member.
- **Maintenance Committee:** The Holiday lights were installed at the front entrance and many commented they look better than ever. Over \$1000 in installation fees was saved by John Rathvon and volunteers by installing the ground lighting.
- **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. Residents are encouraged to take extra care, including being considerate of others, when exiting the community. 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 in November to ensure Board members understand compliance issue handling according to Florida Statutes. Compliance issues are now being addressed and enforced with potential fines. The hiatus occasioned by Hurricane Ian is now over.
- **Architectural Review Board:** No requests this month. With the retirement of John Unnersall, Eric Martell has agreed to be the new ARB contact.
- **Newsletter committee:** Browsing through the newsletter could save people time and effort. Please note that all board members' contact information is always included on the last page.
- **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:** We have 32 volunteers, but additional volunteers are still needed. Delivering the newsletter is a great way to meet neighbors. The Ambassadors received plaudits from the Board for their diligence and helpfulness. They welcomed 25 new homeowners to GVE in 2023. The 50/50 raffle proceeds from the Food Truck events go to the Ambassador Program overhead.
- **Unlawful Activities:** Nothing to report.
- **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 outstanding legal issues.

Thanks to the Artists, Crafters, and Author who donated door prizes for GVE's Annual Meeting!
John Badagliacco, Eric Martell, Mary Claire Drescher, Judy Gotte, Gina Cottoloni, Vickie Hollis, Amy Fleahman & Madison King, Debbie Dacey, Anita (sorry, last name missing), Kim Baigert

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December Ladies Lunch



Santa came to the December Food Truck!!!



No sleigh, it was replaced by a golf cart. (Thanks to Mel & Karen Vota.)



Picture Perfect!



Merry Christmas!



Santa (Jim Howard) was a hit with the ladies!



Carl & Joanne Weeks' Daughter Jaycie & Grandson Andrew Leibin liked Santa!



Andrew and Santa



Naughty or Nice?

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

Happy New Year!

January 4th – 11:30AM – Ladies Lunch
The British Open Pub – 367 Jacaranda
Call Sally Martell @407-947-3618

January 17th – 2PM HOA Board Meeting – Jacaranda Library

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

February 1st – 12:00PM – Ladies Lunch
Dockside Waterfront Grill – 509 Tamiami Trl.
Call Margaret Johnson @203-522244-4023

February 3rd – 9AM – 3PM Community Garage Sale (no participation fees required)

February 21st – 2PM HOA Board Meeting – Jacaranda Library

February 3rd from 9AM to 3PM Annual Community Garage Sale

Time to Clean out your Closet and Garage!

There will be no participation fees required for this years community sale.

Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons

Table with 4 columns: Position, Name, Phone Number, and Email Address. Rows include President (William Hulshoff), Vice-President (Sharron Klahr), Secretary (Bonnie McGuigan), Treasurer/Landscaping (Jim Howard), Director/Architectural Review (John L. Unnerstall), Director/Maintenance/Flagpole (John Rathvon), Director (Doc Albers), Director/GVE Ambassadors (Lynn O'Neill), Director/Newsletter (Eric Martell), and Newsletter Committee (Eric & Sally Martell).

Your GVE Street Ambassador:

Name: _____ Phone: _____