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# The Gulf View

**Community Meeting**  
**Board Meeting May 14<sup>th</sup> – 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

This section gives me a place to mention the issues that sporadically arise. One of the stinkiest is people allowing their dogs to take advantage of our yards. I like dogs...cats, too, but I dislike the stuff that comes out of their backside so much that I went out of my way and asked **ChatGPT's AI** to write a short poem about the subject. Six seconds later, this was the result (I added one word for clarity):

*In the yard where flowers bloom, A neighbor's space, a private room. A place of peace, where quiet reigns, where tranquil moments, one sustains.*

*But lo, a visitor, not so kind, Leaves gifts behind, not hard to find. A little pile, a doggy deed, In another's space, it's not a need.*

*Though canine friend means no ill will, Their droppings, still, can cause a chill. For in the garden, where blooms unfurl, A poo can spoil, a neighbor's world.*

*So heed the call, and walk the mile, Keep yards clean with a friendly smile. Respect the space of those nearby, And let harmony rule beneath the sky.*

So, maybe it's doggerel (pun definitely intended), but can we all learn to take responsibility for our actions and pick up?

We are now on the Summer Schedule, so there will be no home-delivered newsletters until October. However, we will continue to send out email newsletters when available and put a limited number of printed copies in the newsletter box. There will be no board meeting or newsletter in June or August. The April Food Truck event was the last until October. Monthly events during the hot period will be our traditional Neighborhood Dinners held at various restaurants on the 4th Thursday of each month. The Dinner Hostess and location will be on the event calendar on the back page of each newsletter and posted on a sign at the exit from GVE.

Another topic I've been asked to address is compliance issues. The three most common things that earn a warning letter are weeds, palms that need trimming, and dirty driveways. These are all easy to rectify. Your property will look better, too.

GVE's streets make a great place to walk, but bicyclists and automobile drivers sometimes come too close to pedestrians. A while back, a person walking a dog was struck and injured by a bicyclist. I've also heard a report of a pedestrian who was narrowly missed by a driver at the corner of Adams and Roosevelt. The vehicle, in that case, was skidding around the corner sideways. Apparently, the driver felt the need to get home quickly. Think how trivial that need would seem if someone were killed.

This brings me to my final observation: *If you can't look back at your younger self and realize you were an idiot, you are probably still an idiot.*

Happy Summer to all! Eric

### Are You Missing Important Community Mailings such as dues notices?

**You can Update your contact Information with the Management Company. Here's how:**

1. Go to [Gulfviewestates.com](https://gulfviewestates.com)
2. Hover over Association to see the dropdown menu
3. Click on Association Forms
4. Click on Resident Information Sheet
5. Print the Info Sheet
6. Fill out the form
7. Mail it to Sunstate at the address on the bottom of the sheet.

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## April Board Meeting Notes

- **President's Report:** Minutes of the prior monthly meeting minutes and the organizational meeting were approved. President recognized several residents for their volunteer work in making GVE a desirable community. If your street has a pothole, call 311 and let Sarasota County know.
- **Resident's Comments:** Discussion about the exit gate on Wilson leading to Ventura being opened in case of emergency. It remained locked throughout Hurricane Ian. The problem is that Ventura streets are private. The issue regarding the fence on Garfield is still pending.
- **Vice President's Report:** Nothing to report at this time.
- **Treasurer's Report:** A new Portal to Management Company services is pending. GVE's bank account will be moved to Truist as part of that change. Seven percent of the community has not paid 2024 dues as of this time. Eleven are non-payments over 90 days in arrears and their accounts have been sent to the HOA attorney for collection.
- **Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report at this time.
- **Management Company Report:** Still some dues are still outstanding. Please send them in. Sunstate is working on updating their database. Everyone needs to update their record to ensure the new Portal operates correctly. The form for you to update your record is posted on the website at GulfViewEstates.com. No compliance fines were levied for the previous period. However, several homes are on the list due to compliance issues.
- **Landscape Committee:** 2 bids were received. More are being solicited. We need one company to do both landscaping and irrigation.
- **Maintenance Committee:** A new No Soliciting sign was placed at the entrance. It is colorful and should be more visible. The island curbs were repainted to highlight them. Several cars have struck the front curb and that probably resulted in alignment issues or wheel damage. Take care when entering.
- **Street Committee:** 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 the GVE entrance at high rates of speed. We do not want to have a fatality on our doorsteps.
- **Compliance Committee--Repeated from previous newsletter due to Importance: Compliance enforcement began in February. If you receive a letter, do not ignore it. Damaged roofs that still require repair must be repaired or fines will be imposed.** The compliance procedure is governed by State Statute 720 and GVE must follow that statute. The state says that anything in direct view from any adjacent property falls under the compliance purview. **A violation reporting form has been placed on the website. The Board voted to reduce the per day fine from \$100 to \$50 and to continue the prior practice of applying the fine from the first day the homeowner was notified of the violation. This means that, if you get a compliance notice, you should immediately contact the management representative (info at top of the newsletter), find out specifically what you need to do, and then get it done. If you wait until the 3<sup>rd</sup> notice, you may incur a hefty fine. Note that the EC&Rs limit the maximum fine for any one compliance issue to \$3000. The Community Compliance Drive-thru is done by a licensed Community Manager.**
- **Architectural Review Committee:** There were two requests for minor alterations. Both were approved rapidly. There was one request for repainting a house – this action does not require approval as long as the earthtone or pastel pallet prevalent in the neighborhood is followed.
- **Newsletter committee:** We are moving to our Summer schedule. There will be no home delivery for the next few months. Delivery will be via email only, although there will be a limited number of printed copies placed in the newsletter box and a copy placed on the bulletin board.
- **Events Committee:** The Saturday Sunset Get Together was held at Manasota Beach on March 20 and was a relaxing time for attendees. It will be a continuing monthly event.
- **Street Ambassador Committee:** Additional volunteers are still needed. The Board recognized Lynn O'Neill for the outstanding job she has done as head of the Ambassador program.
- **Unlawful Activities:** Nothing to report.
- **Unfinished business:** Eric Martell agreed to install Alligator/Snake Warning Signs. A suggested location for posting such signs was the back side of the benches along the pond.
- **New Business:** Eric Martell discussed a possible board approved No Trespassing and No Soliciting signs that could be placed in a window. This was tabled until next meeting.
- The meeting was adjourned.

# May 2024



Sunset/Moonrise Event at Manasota Beach



Food Truck Event



Rich Troncone DJ



Monarch Butterflies

April Release Count: 30

Over 100 released 2024.

If you're interested in participating in this fun and exciting project, contact Kim Baigert @ 860-302-5879



Bike Parade Participants

**Food Truck  
Events Begin  
Again in  
October, 2024**



The Parade was fun for all ages



Bike Parade Swag Station

**May 2024**

**Calendar of Events**

**Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> – 11:30AM – Ladies Lunch**  
**Farlows on the Water – 2080 S. McCall Rd, Englewood**  
**Sally Martell @ 407-947-3618**

**Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> – 2PM HOA Board Meeting – Jacaranda Library**

**Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunset/Moonrise Event @ Manasota Beach**  
**One hour prior to Sunset – Bring Chairs, snacks and drinks for yourself.**  
**Enter at the Farthest North Entrance – Weather Permitting.**

**Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> – @5PM – Community Dinner**  
**Tarpon Point Grill – 121 Playmore Dr. Venice**  
**Terry MacAllister @ 865-705-8982**

**June 13<sup>th</sup> – 11:30AM – Ladies Lunch**  
**Darrell’s Restaurant – 215 Tamiami Trail**  
**Penny Simpson @ 541-218-0615**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> – No Monthly Board Meeting – Summer Recess**

**June 27<sup>th</sup> – @5PM – Community Dinner**  
**Hostess Needed – Call Sally Martell @ 407-947-3618**

**Welcome New GVE Residents**

Bill and Patty Fries from Harrisburg, PA – Lincoln Rd.

**Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons**

<b>President</b>	<b>William Hulshoff</b>	<b>518-524-7833</b>	<a href="mailto:judgewh@yahoo.com">judgewh@yahoo.com</a>
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<b>Event Committee</b>	<b>Rosanna Gibbons</b>	<b>410-382-7394</b>	<a href="mailto:nutritionbestrx@verizon.net">nutritionbestrx@verizon.net</a>
<b>Entrance Flagpole</b>	<b>Joe Bell</b>	<b>845-661-5927</b>	

Your GVE Street Ambassador:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_