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March 2025

The Gulf View



Community Meeting
Board Meeting April 16th – 2PM
Jacaranda Branch Library
Zoom access available

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

Commentary

Eric Martell, Editor

February is fading in our memories, like our memories of ice and snow up North. I'm making an assumption here, but bear with me. We're faced with March, the dreaded "In like a lion, out like a lamb" month. In Florida, we don't dread the March weather so much as what comes after it, namely April 15 tax day and the following hot weather. Here are some thoughts on the subject:

- "Where flowers bloom, so does hope." — Lady Bird Johnson (I hope the IRS likes my return.)
- "If you have no winter, the spring would not be so important." — Anne Bradstreet (Wrong, Cause we have *SUMMER!!*)
- "March is a tomboy with tousled hair, a mischievous smile, mud on her shoes, and a laugh in her voice." — Hal Borland (Nice mental image, but possibly a little dated?)
- "You are reborn with the roses, in every spring." — Juan Ramón Jiménez (Does that mean I'm covered with thorns?)

These quotes capture the essence of March, a month of renewal and hope. They remind us that even in the midst of winter, there is always a promise of spring (as long as you ignore my comments on them.)

Here are two community issues that I want to address.

Regarding road use, our community has 367 homes, and many people drive in and out multiple times daily. We also have many visiting service providers, such as lawn and pool care vehicles. There are no sidewalks, no room for sidewalks, and no funds to install sidewalks. That means that our streets must accommodate a mix of service vehicles, owner's vehicles, bicycles, miscellaneous scooters, motorcycles, and pedestrians. The speed limit is 25mph and should be obeyed for safety. Bicycles are considered vehicles and subject to the same traffic laws as cars. Pedestrians are legally obligated to walk facing traffic on the left side of the road as far away from traffic as possible. Regardless of the legal aspects of road use, as neighbors, we all have a moral obligation to be considerate and to watch out for others. Everyone should be considerate and do their best to share the limited street space. If we mix speeding with careless pedestrians and bicyclists riding irresponsibly, someone will get hurt sooner or later. That is likely to be a tragedy for all parties involved. So, my words to you are: Act Responsibly!

Regarding the front entrance lighting, the hurricanes corroded many of the holiday lights, and we've pulled most of them down. We're working with Bob's Electric to refurbish the lighting. The Board is discussing installing higher-quality rope lights on the palms. The net effect will, hopefully, be a well-lighted entrance that can be seen from both directions. This result should help drivers coming off 776 avoid the center island and curbs and make for a safer exit.

In this chaotic economic and social environment, I believe a sense of community is more important than ever. We have a nice neighborhood, and we should all work to make it more friendly.

In case the above made you grumpy, here's some humor:

- A pair of jumper cables walk into a bar. The bartender says, I'll serve you, but you better not start anything.
- Q: Why do pistons make such bad employees? A: They only work after they are fired.
- My wife asked me if I could wash the car with our son. I told her a hose would probably be more efficient.

Regards, Eric

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November Board Meeting Notes

- **Residents' Comments:** Roosevelt has fast traffic and pedestrians, bikes, golf carts, etc. are not minding the rules of the road. Concern that an accident will result. 2nd comment – there is a camera on a light pole at our entrance focused on the license plates of incoming traffic. Whose is it? – No one knows.
- **President's Report:** Minutes of the prior monthly meeting minutes were approved with corrections as discussed. This meeting provided Zoom access. Introduce 2 new board members: Tim June and George LaFond. Thank you was given to Rosanna and David Gibbons for removing debris from the ponds and to Barb Kopp for donating her husband's honor flag to be flown at the front entrance.
- **Vice President's Report:** Sarasota County has finished the road project. The smoother streets have encouraged more pedestrian and bike use. Please drive carefully.
- **Treasurer's Report:** No Report.
- **Secretary's Report:** No Report.
- **Management Company Report:** Annual dues of \$325 are being collected via statements from Truist Bank. Residents may use the new portal system at Gulfviewestates.com to view their records.
- **Landscape Committee:** Country Squire will be removing the north most 4 tall palms from the center island. Current holiday lights are not salvageable. A quote for electric work and repair has been solicited from Bob's Electric. A discussion was held about wrapping 3 or 4 of the large palms on either side of the entrance with more durable rope lighting and adding brighter lights to the existing light poles, as well as changing the low-voltage light fixtures to ones that are more effective.
- **Maintenance Committee:** There is erosion behind the South Wall and another washout near the pond's edge along Pierce. We are waiting on a quote from an engineering firm for these problems. Our lake management company has sprayed the invasive plants and they are beginning to die back.
- **Architectural Review Committee (ARC):** There have been several requests for new windows and new shingles. ARC approval is not required by the covenants, but the installing companies require it for permitting. There were some requests to widen driveways. These do need to be approved as do any modifications to the exterior of the house. Download the ARC Request form from GulfViewEstates.com and follow the printed instructions on it. We strive to handle requests quickly. Once approved, the approval will not expire until the change is complete.
- **Newsletter committee:** We are back on the winter schedule. Newsletters will be delivered to each residence by the Street Ambassadors, posted on the Bulletin Board and on the website, and copies will be available in the box by the Bulletin Board. On alternate months when the Board doesn't meet, the Newsletter will be reduced to two (rather than the current 4) pages. Note: The Gulf View Estates Venice Florida GVE Facebook page is privately administered and has no official connection to the HOA or Gulf View Estates. Many residents are posting on that page and it can be a source of information, but it is not guaranteed to be accurate. Please confirm community related information with the HOA Board of Directors.
- **Events Committee:** We are back on our winter schedule – watch for event signs at the front entrance. We are still updating Hobby Lists – there are 27 different opportunities on the list at this time. The Food Truck evenings have been rather cold with a lot of wind, so attendance has been low. If it continues to be low, we may have to scale back to only a couple of events per season, rather than one a month. At this point, the food trucks have been properly vetted and each truck invited has provided an excellent culinary experience for the neighborhood.
- **Street Ambassador Committee:** The Street Ambassadors will be collecting the proxy forms for the vote on the EC and R changes. Volunteers for Street Ambassador needed for McKinley, Harrison, and Roosevelt.
- **Unfinished Business** – Discussion of the EC and R changes and adoption procedure. Someone has been observed digging through people's trash cans late on Thursday nights. The County Sheriff has been asked to do a drive thru on trash nights.
- **New Business** – New county garbage cans will be distributed by the county and must be used effective April 4, 2025. We are working to re-implement a directory of residents which will be online in the residents' only site.

Update your contact information with the Management Company. Here's how:

1. Go to 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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*Street Harvest Food Truck –
Great Food*



*Weather was windy and cool at
the food truck event.*



Food Truck Event Music



*Sourdough Bread Products
offered at the Food Truck event*



*Meet and Greet new
neighbors on Cleveland*



*Cleveland Meet and Greet
was a great success!*

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Calendar of Events

March 13th – 12PM – Ladies Lunch
Pinchers – 900 Venetia Bay Blvd.
Martha Stevenson@802-733-1267

March 15th – Sunset Get-Together @ Manasota Beach
One hour prior to sunset – Farthest North Entrance – Weather Permitting

March 27th – Food Truck Night
The Maine Line – On Pierce by the Ponds at 4PM

April 10th – 12PM - Ladies Lunch
Abbys on Miami – 220 Miami Ave.
Margaret Johnson – 203-524-4023

April 16th – HOA Board Meeting
2PM at Jacaranda Library

April 20th – Happy Easter!

Welcome to New Neighbors!

Jenna Wilson and Aaron Klein – 5834 Harrison – from Florida

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