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October 2025

The Gulf View



Community Meeting

October 15th -- 2:00PM
Jacaranda Branch Library
Zoom access available

Sarasota County Sheriff
Non-Emergency Number
941-486-2444
Solid Waste Big Item Pickup
941-557-5040

Commentary

Eric Martell, Editor

Can you feel it in the air? It takes sensitive discernment, but it's there. Yes, it's true, Fall has come to Florida! With the advent of the "cold" weather, the GVE Food Truck Program will be resuming. For you new residents, we have curated some of the best food trucks in the area and host one per month. The program costs GVE nothing, since the Food Truck is paid for by sales. We often have live music or a DJ and sometimes have 50/50 raffles and craft sales, etc. It is free for you to come. Even if you don't want the food, bring a chair and enjoy the evening while getting to know your fellow residents. One of the things that make GVE a good home is the presence of friendly neighbors who watch out for each other. While that may not seem important, it can be critical during emergencies. Try coming to an event. All you'll sacrifice is probably some meaningless drivel on your TV, and you might have a good time or meet a new friend.

Continuing with the thought of community spirit, the big holiday this month is Halloween. GVE has an area reputation as a safe place for children to trick or treat. It is usual to have over a hundred cars from other neighborhoods parking along the ponds and bringing mini-haunts, princesses, and other costumed spooks to visit the homes, so be prepared. Along with the fun comes some inconvenience. The streets will be full of children, so try to avoid driving in and out for that one evening.

You will have noticed some improvements at our entrance. We are still working on the lighting, but the center island looks much better thanks to volunteer labor. While we pay a landscaping company to trim and mow, they don't always keep the front looking as nice as one would like, so occasional volunteer work makes a big difference.

We have 367 homes in GVE by my count. At \$325/home dues, that gives us a very tight budget for the necessary maintenance and expenses. While this may seem to be adequate, it is barely enough to pay for landscaping, electricity, insurance, maintenance, legal, and other expenses. This means that volunteers are always needed. Please consider helping.

As an example, our perimeter wall on the SW side of the community entrance is gradually losing earth on the pond bank due to invasive armored catfish borrowing in the bank. Estimates have it that we now have in excess of two thousand of these pests in the pond and they breed by laying thousands of eggs. We solicited a bid from an engineering firm that deals with such problems and it was prohibitively expensive. If the wall collapses, that will take our budget for the year and more to repair. You don't need a license to net the catfish, so if that appeals to you, please catch as many as you can. The downside is they are basically inedible. Still, we've got to get rid of them or install expensive protection.

We have a new Community Manager. Sunstate has appointed Gina Fouquet as CAM for GVE. Her contact info is above in the box on the left corner.

We still need community cooperation in identifying rental properties. The approval process seems to have been ignored by some absentee owners and we need an accurate count of rentals. You can call any board member or email Gina Fouquet with the information.

There was no board meeting in September. However, due to retirements, we have a new President: Tim June and Kandi O'Brien has agreed to fill one of the vacant Board seats. Thanks to both! The Board is composed of volunteers who run for election at our annual December meeting. Please consider volunteering. The annual meeting is coming up quickly and it serves as a platform to elect new board members, approve the annual budget, and possibly make changes to the community documents. Plan to attend. Info on location and time will be forthcoming.

Best Regards! Eric

Welcome New Neighbor William Sittard, 5818 Harrison.

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Trimming Entrance Palms



*Larry Sheltra and Sally Martell
Volunteer for Landscaping*



*Trimming and re-shaping front
entrance plantings*

Calendar of Events Happy Halloween!

**October 9th – 12 PM – Ladies Lunch
Applebees
Jody Browning – 201-390-3595**

October 15th GVE Board Meeting - 2PM @ Jacaranda Library/Zoom Access

**October 18th – Sunset Get-Together @Manasota Beach
One hour prior to sunset – Farthest North Entrance – Weather Permitting**

**October 23rd – 5PM Food Truck – GetChewSum BBQ
On Pierce between Buchanan and Garfield**

**November 6th – 12PM - Ladies Lunch – Fins at Sharkey's
Karen Bower – 513-236-8874
(Call Karen with your vote for Inside/Outside Dining)**

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