



Gardens of Gulf Cove

Garden Spot Newsletter

November 2016

Events Committee

FUND RAISER FOR A CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

A fund raiser has been planned for Saturday, November 26, at Visani's Comedy and Dinner Theater, 2400 Kings Highway, Port Charlotte. Tickets are \$10 per person and your contribution will be used to support a Christmas Party for the children of the Gardens of Gulf Cove and future children events. In addition to your contribution of \$10, when you come to the event at Visani's you will need to purchase two items from their menu and this you would pay to Visani (gratuity included). Doors will open at 4 pm and the show will begin at 6 pm. The comedy performers are Ken Miller and Carmen Vallone. Tickets are limited so it is first come, first serve. If you would like to attend, please call Lucille Breen at 941-697-3809 or send Lucille an email at breenb1@centurylink.net.

If interested, please contact Lucille as quickly as possible, since tickets are limited. Thank you and let's make this a great event for our children.

Community Garage Sale

The FALL Community Garage Sale will be held November 18th & 19th at your own garage from 8 am until 4:00 pm Friday & Saturday. Start now to clean out your attic & garage because a GOOD sale takes time to plan. Last year your Association gave you plenty of customers by placing an ad in the Sun Newspaper and we hope they do the same this year as the garage sale was a GREAT success. Several new people came into our beautiful community during the sale and found the home of their dreams making it a win, win for all.

Richard Liebel (gardens resident)

UPCOMING BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE EVENTS FOR 2017

Yes, 2017! For those who like to plan early, here are the three upcoming events sponsored by the Beautification Committee. These three events will be at the Gardens' Club House, 6464 Coniston Street, Port Charlotte. Times to be determined and announced later.

Pot Luck, Saturday, January 21
Dinner Dance, Saturday, February 18
Pizza Party, Saturday, March 18

Looking forward to another successful season at these events!

For more information, contact Lucille Breen at 941-697-3809 or by email breenb1@centurylink.net

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website: www.thegardensofgulfcove.com

Pool Hours: Nov. 1st -5th – 8:30 am.-6:00 pm.

Nov. 6th -30th -8:30 am. -5:00 pm.

Office Hours

Club House (Coniston)

9:00 am.-5:00 p.m. M-F

Management Team

Jack SheehanLicensed Community Association Manager

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Thank You to our CAM

The Koffee Klatch wishes to acknowledge the many efforts of Jack Sheehan on behalf of the Residents of our community. We are most grateful for the many services he performs for us. His knowledge and talents have saved us a lot of money. We are blessed to have him as our Manager.

Shuffle Board

Shuffle Board league player's games are starting back Monday & Fridays @ 8:45 a.m. at the Recreation Center.



Billiards

Billiards players are scheduled to play on Monday's at 1:00 p.m. See you on the Billiards Court.

Board Games

If you like to play board games and are interested in getting together with a group to play call: Cathy @ 941-828-1129 and let her know.

Tennis



Jack Kyle reports that the League is growing if you would like to join us just show up, all are welcome. They will be meeting as a league the first Thursday of November until the first Thursday of April. Non-league playing right now still meets Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. at the tennis courts.

The Koffee Klatch

The Koffee Klatch always welcomes new members. We meet every Wednesday of the month. The first Wednesday is a luncheon at various neighborhood restaurants at 12:30, the association calendar will display where we meet each month. The second (2nd) through the fourth (4th) Wednesday's we meet at the Clubhouse for coffee and pastries at 10:00 a.m. For further information, contact Joe Russo-697-9696, come join us.

Arts and Crafts

The Arts and Crafts will be suspended for now and plan to resume in December. We look forward to new members and ideas.

Pickleball Players

Pickleball is forming. all interested players please notify the office (via email or call) so we have an idea of how many people will be using the court. Anyone with knowledge of the game, let us know we may need guidance with the initial set up.

Friends Out and About

The luncheon for the month of November will be held at Taste of Europe Bistro 2414 Tamiami Trail Port Charlotte (next to Kallis German Butcher shop driving south on 41 you have to make a U turn at Midway) on **November 30th, 2016** at 1:00PM

All residents and their guests welcome.

Please RSVP to Herman by Monday November 21st to 941 697-0424 or hhdahl@sbcglobal.net

Bowling

Bowling is on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m., its \$12.00 for 3 games. If interested contact Lucille Breen at 941-697-3809 or by email breenb1@centurylink.net

Town Hall Meeting

Saturday November 12th , 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.- Clubhouse (6464 Coniston)

A meeting to have your ideas heard in an open forum with the board president and manager there.

2016 Budget Meeting

Clubhouse (6464 Coniston)

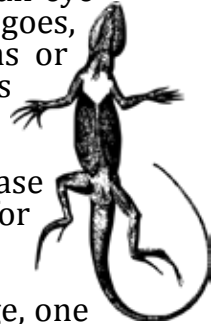
Monday, November 14th - Budget Meeting 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 17th -Budget Meeting Continuation 6:30 pm

Large Lizards /Iguanas

Recently there have been more sightings of Iguanas/large lizards around Newport and Lori Terrace. Iguanas are not native to Florida and as with many exotic plants and animals introduced into new areas; they have the potential to impact native plants and animals. Their burrowing activities can weaken or undermine sidewalks, building foundations, and patios. Additionally, iguana droppings can become unsightly and carry disease-causing bacteria such as salmonella. Iguanas can also potentially carry parasites and bacteria that can be spread to native species. Iguanas reproduce rapidly in the subtropical climate of south Florida and have no natural predators to control their population.

The reasons they have chosen your yard is because it provides food and possibly a hiding place, so in order to get them out of there you have to take away those two things. Trapping them is an option but it may not be necessary. The first thing to do is to clean out any clutter that you may have on your yard. Clutter is the perfect spot for iguanas as they can use it to hide or as shelter from the elements. Take away the clutter and in many cases the iguanas will leave. Iguanas can also hide in hollow trees so keep an eye out for that as well. As far as food goes, you should never feed the iguanas or they will keep coming back. Iguanas love to eat (destroy) many plants, fruits and vegetables. If you should need assistance in removal please call a wild life removal expert for assistance.



Recently, I found two in my garage, one two feet long and one 14 inches on Lori Terrace.

Thank You,
Richard Liebel (gardens resident)

President's Letter

Board Meeting Notice: November 14 with a continuation to November 17, 2016

At the October Board Meeting the Board reviewed the draft of the 2017 Annual Budget. If budget as proposed is passed, the 2017 Annual Assessment will remain the same as in 2016. The Board on November 14 @ 1:00 PM will discuss the 2017 Budget and 2017 Annual Assessment. At the continuation of the Board Meeting on Thursday November 17 @ 6:30 PM the Board will make any final changes and vote on approving the 2107 Budget and 2017 Annual Assessment. A copy of the proposed 2017 Annual Budget is available by contacting the office.

Member Input on the Restated By-Laws

The Board is continuing the process of updating our governing documents. The next step in the process is to hold a Town Meeting to allow the Association Members to share their thoughts with the Board. The Town Meeting on the current draft of the *By-Laws* will be held on November 12 at 10:00 AM in the Clubhouse. In addition to being shared by our E-Mail Blast system a copy of the draft of the *By-Laws* is available by contacting the office. A similar meeting will be held in December for the *Declaration of Covenants and Restriction*.

Petition Currently Circulating around the Association

At the Annual Meeting this year the members approved several updates to the *Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions*. Two of the changes created new restrictions on what type of vehicles you can no longer park on your property. A group of owners felt this was unfair since they have been parking newly restricted vehicles on their property. They are currently circulating a petition to change the parking restrictions. Understand that the Board or I make no recommendation regarding these petitions. If the petitions get the required number of voting member signatures, the board will proceed with the amendment process.

Petition #1 is asking to continue to allow our neighbors to park their work/company vehicles in their own driveways. There are many reasons to allow logo/work vehicles to remain on our property. Not doing so creates an unnecessary, if not impossible hardship for our working neighbors. In the petition they state that they want the changes modified as follows: ***"Single family residential use shall mean that ~~all commercial specific~~ vehicles, ~~vehicles with ladders~~, school busses, church busses, jitney's, taxi cabs, public transportation, bucket trucks, trucks containing chemicals hat require a license to apply or a vehicle which would be considered an attractive nuisance or any vehicle with lettering or advertising that deviates from the factory badging of the vehicle shall not be parked upon the property unless in the garage. The exception to this ruling are local, state and federal police or emergency vehicles."***

Petition #2 is asking to continue to allow our neighbors to have their registered, presentable campers and trailers remain on their property. Trailers are an essential requirement for some workers. Campers enable us to enjoy our Florida lifestyle. In the petition they state that they want all the changes made by Amendment #4 be removed and restored to its original language as it existed January 1st of this year.

The petitioners have asked that if you are interested in signing either petition or would like more information, please contact either:

Pat (401-378-3311) pbriggs2@cox.net or Ron (201-390-9544) rwho25@yahoo.com

Official Budget Meeting Notices

ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE
6464 CONISTON STREET
PORT CHARLOTTE FLORIDA

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CAMS CORNER

Congratulations to Judy for obtaining her Community Association Manager license. She will hold the position of Assistant Community Association Manager for the association. Community Association Managers are regulated by the State of Florida, Department of Business and Professional Regulation for the protection of condominium and home owners. I feel strongly about the license laws and protection it affords owners. It requires education, testing, continuing education, interaction with colleagues in the industry and background searches. Harm can be done to your association and members by unlicensed individuals. Most all of your dealings with the association should either be with a licensed manager or a board member. The following is excerpted directly from the State of Florida website;

CAM - A "community association manager" means a person who is licensed to perform community association management services including the following:

- Practices requiring substantial specialized knowledge, judgment, and managerial skill when done for remuneration and when the association or associations served contain more than 10 units or have an annual budget or budgets in excess of \$100,000;
- controlling or disbursing funds of a community association;
- preparing budgets or other financial documents for a community association;
- assisting in the noticing or conduct of community association meetings;
- coordinating maintenance for the residential

Jim Newkirk, President
Gardens of Gulf Cove POA Board of Directors

development and other day-to-day services involved with the operation of a community association.

A person who performs clerical or ministerial functions under the direct supervision and control of a licensed manager or who is charged only with performing the maintenance of a community association and who does not assist in any of the management services described above is not required to be licensed.

\$\$\$\$ Budget Time \$\$\$\$

Please be reminded that the budget process is underway. The board will be discussing the preliminary budget on November 14, 2016 at 1:00 PM and the board will adopt a budget on November 17th at 6:30 PM. All owners are encouraged to attend and participate in the governance of your community.

Bringing It to the Board Town Hall Meetings

You live in an HOA. You have a great idea. You're not on the board, and elections are months away. What next? Present it.

Presenting a good idea, whether to a board or to a boss or to anyone else in the position to approve it, isn't about them. Or you. It's about the idea.

A good idea needs a spokesperson. And if you've come up with the idea, that spokesperson is you. If you can imagine the concept and how it will benefit this community, paint that picture in your presentation. Or, if you can count the ways it will profit this community, tally it up and explain how the numbers will help.

Town hall meetings are a great way to have your idea heard in an open forum with the board president and manager there. That's why your board President Jim Newkirk will be holding a series of Town Hall meetings at times convenient to the members. The first of which will be Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 10:00 am in the clubhouse. It is open to all members of the association. Unlike an owners meeting this is just a one to one with Jim. No voting, corporate or policy decisions can or will be made but communicating ideas and community direction will be the focus.

Give your idea wings and a voice, and it can fly. I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting on November 12th, at 10:00 am in the clubhouse.

Jack Sheehan, CAM, CMCA, R/E sales associate

Gardens of Gulf Cove POA

Board Meeting Unapproved Minutes – October 10, 2016 and October 13, 2016

October 10 at 1:00 in the Association Clubhouse

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Establish a Quorum
 - ☒ Ray Forshee ☒ Fred Streif ☒ Herman Dahl
 - ☒ Jack Arlinghaus
 - ☒ Thomas Sullivan ☒ Marty Vanderbilt
 - ☒ Jim Newkirk ☒ Helen Raimbeau
 - ☒ Sandra Weaver
- 4) Approval of previous meeting minutes
 - ☒ Ray Forshee ☒ Herman Dahl
 - ☒ Jack Arlinghaus
 - ☒ Thomas Sullivan ☒ Marty Vanderbilt
 - ☒ Jim Newkirk
 - ☒ Fred Streif ☒ Helen Raimbeau
 - ☒ Sandra Weaver

5) Discussion: a) Review and vote on the Resolution for Lien's and Foreclosure of Liens-Resolved

b) Review of 2017 outline proposed annual budget – Jack Sheehan

c) Review of Hot Tub proposal

d) Review of RV Lot proposal – Jim Newkirk

e) Draft of By-Laws: Directors

Meeting to Be Adjourned to October 13 at 6:30 in the Association Clubhouse

6) Call Meeting to Order & Re-establish Quorum

- ☒ Ray Forshee ☒ Fred Streif ☒ Helen Raimbeau
- ☒ Jack Arlinghaus
- ☒ Thomas Sullivan ☒ Sandra Weaver

7) Treasurer Report: Jack Sheehan

8) CAM Report: Jack Sheehan

9) Fines: Jack Sheehan

- ☒ Jack Arlinghaus ☒ Ray Forshee
- ☒ Helen Raimbeau
- ☒ Thomas Sullivan ☒ Sandra Weaver
- ☒ Fred Streif

10) Old Business

a. None

11) New Business
None

12) Social Committee Reports

- a) Activities: Michelle Forshee
- b) Friends Out and About: Herman Dahl
- c) Tennis: No report
- d) Koffee Klutch: No Report
- e) Shuffle Board
- 13) Motion to Adjourn Meeting
- 14) Meeting Adjourned 6:56 p.m.

November 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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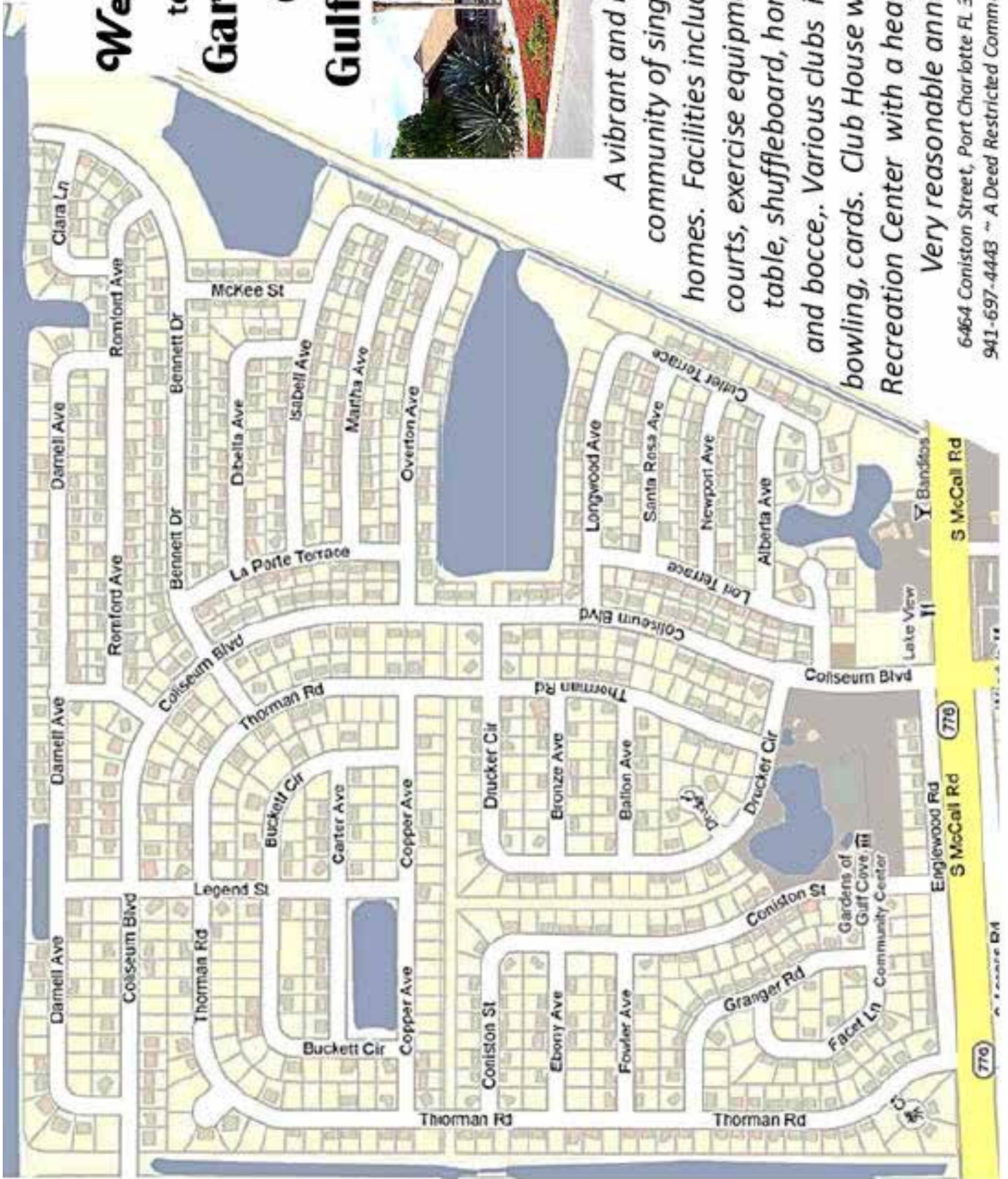
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