

Gardens of Gulf Cove Garden Spot Newsletter

November 2015

Presidents Letter

Halloween is behind us. The snow forecasts and the rain forecasts are dominating the news and the color of the trees lies waiting for the rake. It is November and the year ending is not far away. Seems like yesterday we welcomed in this New Year. My time flies.

At the October 14th meeting of the Board of Directors the budget for the year 2016 was adopted. Several major projects are on the list and some during the budget workshops were cast aside in favor of developing reserve accounts in the year ahead and in building the account necessary to replace the bathhouse in the 2020 budget year. Long story short, the Wednesday November 11th meeting of the Board will set the annual assessment for FY 2016. As this is being written it is the intent of the Board to hold the current assessment of \$332.75 as the 2016 assessment. Deciding on this assessment level was not easy but is a decision the Board believes can be sustained and still complete several necessary projects.

The state mandated fining procedures that will be introduced at the November meeting of the Board. Under this change the compliance office recommends the action against the property and the Board imposes the fine for non-compliance. At point the compliance office will notify the homeowner of the action of the Board and advise when the action against the property can be appealed to the Fining Committee. That committee may then sustain the Board decision or reject the decision. Since this is a major change in our procedures we expect there will be bumps in the road. We also expect that our homeowners will be cooperative as we transition.

The Board appointed Laura Ann Ranahan to the vacant director's chair caused by Jim Newkirk's resignation from in early October. She and her husband moved into our community a few months ago and have been busy settling in and getting to know the community. Ms. Ranahan brings a wealth of bookkeeping and management experience to the community and we are looking forward to working with her in the months ahead.

The staff and the Board are now turning their attention to completing several projects before we get to the holiday season and in preparation of the annual meeting of the Property Owners Association in

I look forward to seeing you in November on Monday the 9th and Wednesday the 11th for our monthly meetings.

Sincerely, John W. Anderson President GGCPOA Board Of Directors



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941-697-4443 Club House 941-698-9274 facsimile

Coliseum Office 941-697-1211 Rec Center

email: gardensofgulfcove@gmail.com website: www.thegardensofgulfcove.com

Pool Hours: October - 9A - 1/2 hour before sunset. November - 9A - 5P. December - 9A - 5P.

Office Hours Recreation Center (6615 Coliseum) Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Club House (6464 Coniston) Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Management Team

lack SheehanLicensed Community Association Manager

MARCH 2015 - March 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

John "Jack" Anderson **President:** 2017 term exp. jackclss402@aol.com

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941-697-3809

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941-697-0424

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Garden Club Dates for 2016

Reserve the following dates on your 2016 calendar:

- Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016 Potluck @ CH 5:30pm
- Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 Dinner Dance 5:30pm
- Saturday, March 19, 2016 Pizza Party 5:30pm



LINE DANCING CLASS

Arrangements have been made to offer a beginner's line dancing class starting Friday, November 6, at the

Club House at 11:00 a.m. and anyone interested in the class can contact

Lucille Breen at 941-697-3809 or by email breenb1@ centurylink.net.

The class will be one hour (not to exceed 1 1/2 hours) cost \$5.00.

YOGA

Yoga will resume on Tuesday, November 10, at 9:00 am, in the Club House. Cost is \$4.00 per class and is led by Denise Manguse,

a certified yoga instructor. A yoga mat is advised and can be purchased at various stores in the

area

(e.g. Marshalls, Wal-Mart, Bed Bath and Beyond).

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGER MESSAGE

Jim Young has joined the Gardens staff as our maintenance technician. Jim Hails from Queens, New York where he has been a contractor for the past 25 years. His experience and "can do" attitude are welcome additions to the staff.

As Chairman Jack Anderson stated in his letter, we are completing projects and getting the place spiffed up for the holidays. We cleared the Cutler lots and have them being mowed until we sell them. The debris pile we had on the front of the lots was there way too long but we were trimming trees on the cul-de-sacs and around the development. All the palms in the amenities areas have been cleaned out and the walkways power washed. The mahogany doors going to the rec center have been sanded and varnished and sometime this winter we will strip the paint off the mahogany double doors that lead to the pool gate. New lettering is installed on the doors. The board moved to make the facilities more accessible for folks that need it, as a result we have installed handrails on the driveway incline and an automatic door opener at the rec center for those that cannot readily open the doors. Hal has been busy power washing the upper deck area of the pool and removing the rust stains from the long removed steel fence.

Grass Clippings; We all know that we live in and are stewards of our most sensitive environment. We are required to use mulching mowers and leave the grass clippings on the grass, it decomposes very quickly here. I have noticed grass clippings being left on the street and other impervious surfaces. It is important to blow or rake the clippings back onto your lawn for decomposition. Clippings left on impervious surfaces will run through the storm drain systems to the lakes and are counter-productive to our lake maintenance program.

The Rec Center Pool will be closed for two days to super chlorinate the water. This added measure of sensitization is for your safety as the super chlorination will kill off any difficult viruses. We will be doing this on October 28th and 29th.

For the snow birds just returning; welcome back to Southwest Florida.

On behalf of the office and maintenance staff we wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

~Schedule for 2015 Board **Meetings~**

All meetings are held at the

GGC Clubhouse, 6464 Coniston St., 7:00 PM

- November 9 Monday Workshop
- November 11 Wednesday Board Meeting
- December 7 Monday Workshop
- December 9 Wednesday Board Meeting

IMPORTANT:The deadline for newsletter submissions is the **15th of each month.** This will be a hard deadline. meaning if you miss the deadline, your submission will not be included in the upcoming newsletter! If you have any questions, please contact Judy at 941-697-4443 or email:gardensofgulfcove.com

Pool Hours

- November 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- December 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



Recreation Building Hours

- November 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- December 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.



FRIENDS OUT AND ABOUT

Luncheon

Wednesday November 25, 2015 1:00PM

Stefano's Family Restaurant 401 Indiana Av. S Englewood



Come join friends and neighbors All residents and their guests welcome

PLEASE RSVP

By Monday November 23rd To Herman 941 697-0424

For those who would like an early Thanksgiving Dinner Turkey will be available

Directions; 776 west past Pine St and then past Beach Rd restaurant is on right hand side by Sears and Bell's Outlet

The Board of Directors

Gardens of Gulf Cove POA Regular Meeting Unapproved minutes October 14, 2015 @ 7:00 PM Coniston Street Clubhouse

- 1) Call to Order at 7:01 PM
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) A quorum is established by a roll of Directors as follows:

Jack Anderson	Present	Laura Ranahan	Present
Lucille Breen	Present	Marty Vanderbilt	Present

Jack Arlinghaus Present Fred Streif Via Telephone

Herman Dahl Not Present Ray Forshee Present

Greg Smyth Present

- 4) Deputy Cotton **Not Present**
- 5) <u>Approved and Entered</u>: Reading and Disposal of Minutes: Regular Meeting 08/12/2015 and Regular Meeting 09/09/2015
- 6) Jack Sheehan CAM, Reported, Approved and Entered: Treasures Report: Herman Dahl,
- 7) Jack Sheehan, CAM, Approved and Entered Community Association Manager Report:
- 8) Committee Reports:

a. Activities:

- i. Friends out and About Chairperson, Herman Dahl, <u>Lucille Breen Reported</u>
- ii. Garden & Beautification: Janet Anderson, Chairperson, No Report
- iii. Bocce: Ambrose Biondo, Chairperson- Recreational playing for summer
- iv. Bowling and Line Dancing Lucille Breen Chairperson
- v. Shuffleboard: Bob Whitney, Chairman-Recreational playing for summer
- vi. Tennis: Jack Kyle, Chairperson- *Recreational playing for the summer*
- vii. Audit Committee: Janet Anderson, Chairperson, **Dottie Voza Reported**

b. Covenants & Restrictions:

- i. <u>Compliance Committee</u>: The Compliance Officer continues to send out violation letters and fining notices.
- ii. <u>Fining Committee</u>: Fining Committee will make recommendations to the BoD for all future fining, BoD will make fining decisions at either the regular BoD meeting or workshop meeting.

The Board of Directors

Gardens of Gulf Cove POA
Regular Meeting Unapproved minutes
October 14, 2015 @ 7:00 PM
Coniston Street Clubhouse

9) Old Business:

a. **Information Only:** Hand Rail at Recreation Center, order is let, installation set for this week.

<u>Off Table and Defeated:</u> Motion to move to the next step in the DMK proposal which would be to draw up construction plans. Owners need more time to review the plans and provide comments to the Board.

Off Table and Approved: Recreation Center Pool Covers

10) New Business:

- a. **Approved for Mailing and Attached w/ Modificiations** 2016 budget approval to send to owners
- b. <u>Approved as a Temporary Position</u>: Staff Changes, Bookkeeper, new hire Gloria Golson accepted position starts on 10/19
- c. Report Entered and Attached: Report of Finance Committee Chairman, Greg Smyth
- d. Appontment Approved Laura Ranahan Director Newkirk Resignation Consider new appointment
- e. <u>Approved for Two Houses Title Searched</u>Collections and Foreclosures, Title Searches Jack Sheehan CAM.
- f. Resolved for in Safe Keeping Resolution to maintain \$150.00 petty cash in office.
- g. Approved as Submitted (10 Homes) Fining
- 11) Adjournment 9:11 PM

Monthly For November

Military Family Appreciation Month.

Throughout November, military families serving around the world are honored through a variety of observances and recognized for their commitment and the many contributions they make every day in support of the military and our nation.

National Epilepsy Awareness Month.

The Epilepsy Foundation estimates that 65 million people around the world, and 2 million in the U.S., have epilepsy—a neurological condition in which disturbances in the electrical activity of the brain cause seizures. National Epilepsy Awareness Month seeks to break down barriers stopping people with epilepsy from reaching their fullest potential.

National Peanut Butter Lover's Month.

Celebrate your love of peanut butter this month by sharing these facts with your friends: One 12-ounce jar of peanut butter contains about 540 peanuts; one acre of peanuts can produce enough peanut butter for 30,000 sandwiches; and peanuts contribute more than \$4billion to the U.S. economy every year.

Native American Heritage Month

Beginning as a single day of recognition for the contributions the first Americans have made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., Native American Heritage Month was designated in 1990 by President George H. W. Bush.

Weekly For November

National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, Nov. 2-8.

Approximately 3,500 animal shelters across the United States serve the estimated 6-8 million homeless animals in need of refuge each year. Show them some love and support.

National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week, Nov. 14-22.

Held each year the week before Thanksgiving to give Americans a time to show compassion for people experiencing hunger and homelessness.

Geography Awareness Week, Nov. 15-21.

Spatial thinking through maps is one of the most important skills that students can develop as they learn geography, Earth and environmental sciences, and so much more. Celebrate and explore the power of maps!

American Education Week, Nov. 16-20.

Take this opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education.

Daily For November

National Authors Day, Nov. 1.

Celebrate your favorite writer—published or unpublished—and support authors with a visit to your bookstore or public library.

World Freedom Day, Nov. 9.

Celebrated on the anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

World Diabetes Day, Nov. 14.

Led by the International Diabetes Federation to engage people worldwide in diabetes advocacy and awareness.

International Games Day, Nov 21.

Libraries around the world participate in local and international gaming activities, and game publishers donate tabletop games and access to video games to libraries for the event.

Thanksgiving, Nov. 26.

Enjoy some turkey and pumpkin pie while being thankful for family and friends.



7 NIGHT EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

Sailing on the Regal Princess – February 14, 2016-February 21, 2016

The Gardens of Gulf Cove Friends Out 'n About is planning a 7-Night Caribbean Cruise departing Sunday, February 14 and returning Sunday, February 21, 2016.

Rates Include:

From \$879* per person double occupancy for an inside Cabin

From \$1019* per person double occupancy for a Balcony Cabin

\$1300 single occupancy for an inside Cabin - \$1858 single occupancy Balcony

*The above advertised rates include all taxes and motor coach transportation (with a minimum 40 booked passengers).

Date	Port
Sunday, February 14, 2016	Depart Fort Lauderdale, FL
Monday, February 15, 2016	Princess Cays, Bahamas
Tuesday, February 16, 2016	At Sea
Wednesday, February 17, 2016	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
Thursday, February 18, 2016	Philipsburg, St. Maarten
Friday, February 19, 2016	At Sea
Saturday, February 20, 2016	At Sea
Sunday, February 21, 2016	Dock at 7:00 AM Fort Lauderdale, FL

A deposit of 20% of the cruise rate is required to book your reservation. Final payment would be due by November 15, 2015.

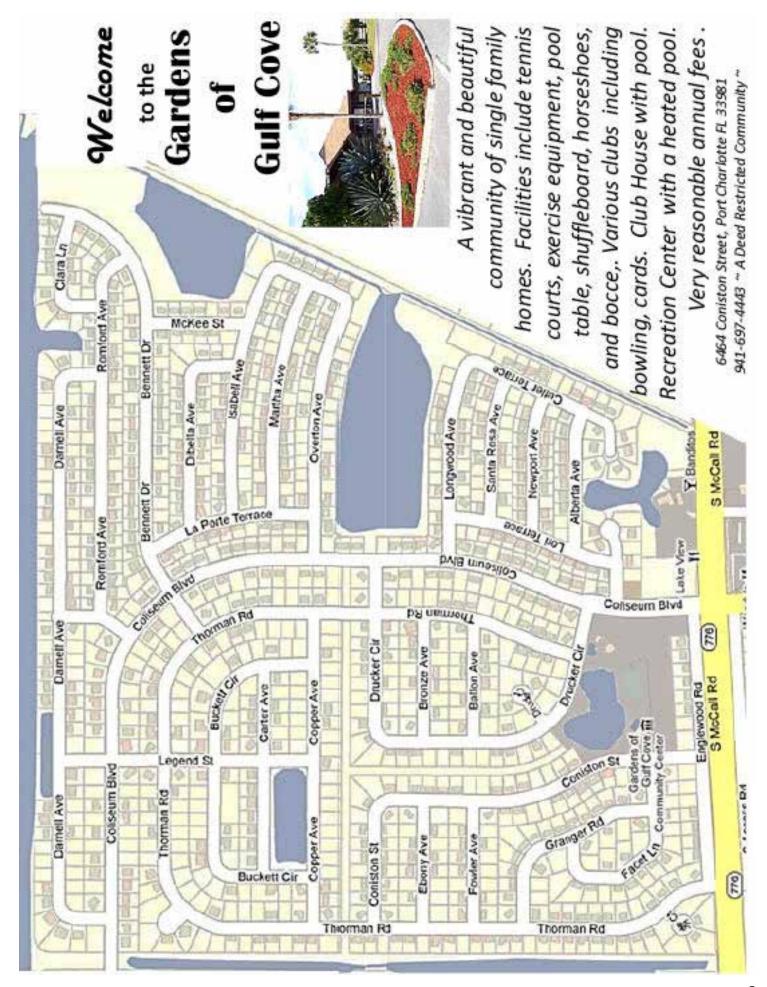
Transportation: Round trip motor coach to and from the pier is included in the above rates contingent on a minimum of 40 booked passengers.

Travel Insurance Recommended but not required: \$56.92 per person double inside cabin; \$65.92 per person double occupancy Balcony

PRICES LISTED ABOVE ARE GROUP RATES.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT JO RUSSO 941-697-9696 OR JACK KYLE 941-697-8587





ACROSS

- 1. Toward sunset
- 5. Set straight
- 10. Minor quarrel
- 14. Initial wager
- 15. Cowboy sport
- 16. Dwarf buffalo
- 17. Lingo
- 19. Russian emperor
- 20. An uncle
- 21. Optical maser
- 22. Attendance counter
- 23. Untanned hide
- 25. Descendant
- 27. Honest Lincoln
- 28. Exhaustive
- 31. The language of Persia
- 34. Balderdash
- 35. Genus of macaws
- 36. Salt Lake state
- 37. Exalt
- 38. Blend
- 39. Drunkard
- 40. Hotel employee
- 41. Make improvements
- 42. Enthusiastic
- 44. Grippe
- 45. Fertile areas
- 46. Floating wreckage
- 50. Craze
- 52. Inexpensive
- 54. 3 in Roman numerals
- 55. "Oh my!"
- 56. Huskiness
- 58. A period of discounted prices
- 59. Ancient unit of dry measure
- 60. Leer at
- 61. Pay attention to
- 62. Coarse-grained
- 63. Ale

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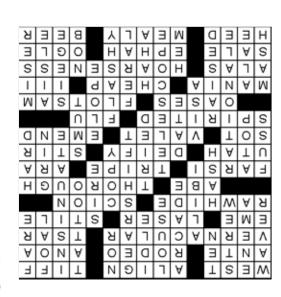
DOWN

- 1. Have second thoughts 18. Excuse
- 2. Colonic
- 3. Scatter
- 4. One more than nine
- 5. Colonnade
- 6. Wingless
- bloodsucking insect
- 7. Doing nothing
- 8. Gear changing device
- 9. Neither
- 10. Skin pattern
- 11. Suggest
- 12. A young horse
- 13. Anagram of "Fear"

- - 22. "Your majesty"
 - 24. Chop finely
- 26. Replicate
- 28. Attempted
- 29. Smile
- 30 Not soft
- 31. Bother
- 32. At the peak of
- 33. A type of explanation
- 34. It helps to see the
- 37. A romantic meeting (British slang)
- 38. Porn

- 40. Brand of credit card
- 41. Run away to wed
- 43. Lifted
- 44. Tastelessly showy
- 46. Not domesticated
- 47. Blockade
- 48. Passageway
- 49. Cheapskate
- 50. Sitcom set in Korea
- 51. Wings
- 53. Laugh
- 56. Skirt's edge
- 57. Wealthy person

November Crossword



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Nov 23-24, Dec 28-29

Biloxi Special \$199 ppdo - Staying at Beau Rivage Day trips to Boomtown, IP, Palace and Golden Nugget \$75 in free play, 2 breakfast, 1 lunch Nov 16-19, Dec 14-17, Jan 25-28

Overnight Trips

Nov 9-11, Key West - \$420 ppdo Nov 25-27, Thanksgiving Gaylord Palm - \$625 ppdo Dec 2-3, Mt Dora/Mission Inn - \$225 ppdo Dec 23-26, Savannah - \$599 ppdo Jan 26-31, New Orleans - \$999 ppdo Feb 7-9, West - \$579 ppdo

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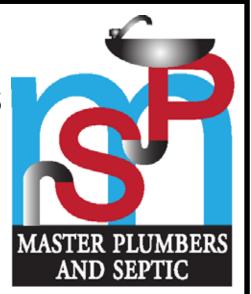
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