



Gardens of Gulf Cove

Garden Spot Newsletter

October 2016

Events Committee

On Sunday, August 21, from 2-4 pm, the newly formed Events Committee, had their first activity for the children of the Gardens, with an attendance of 43. By all that attended it was a success and residents expressed how pleased they were that we are planning activities for the children. Ice cream with different toppings and sauces was served and everyone, young and not so young, enjoyed meeting neighbors and making new acquaintances. Many games were available but the bean bag toss was a hit. After eating lots of ice cream everyone departed for the pool and enjoyed the beautiful day and the refreshing pool. A special thanks to Lucille Breen, Michele and Ray Forshee and Herman and Helen Dahl who served and made this event possible.

The next event being planned is a children's Christmas Party in December. The Events Committee plans to hold a fund raiser in early November at Visani Restaurant and Comedy Theater, Kings Highway in Port Charlotte to raise money for the Christmas Party. More to follow once plans are complete. If interested in attending or finding out more about this event, contact Lucille Breen, 941-697-3809 or by email breenb1@centurylink.net



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Pool Hours: Sept. -8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October - 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Office Hours

Club House (Coniston)

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

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Jack SheehanLicensed Community Association Manager

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Shuffle Board

Shuffle Board league player's games are starting back up the first Monday of October which is the 3RD @ 8:45 a.m. at the Recreation Center.

Billiards

Billiards players we are scheduled to start playing starting in October 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.

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Arts & Crafts

Friends Out and About

The luncheon for the month of October will be held at **Stefano's Family Restaurant**, 401 South Indiana Ave., Englewood FL on **October 26th, 2016 at 1:00PM**

All residents and their guests welcome.

Please RSVP to Herman by Monday October 24th to 941 697-0424 or hhdahl@sbcglobal.net

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 94-697-3809 or by email breenb1@centurylink.net

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.

Presidents Letter

New Directors: In my last letter to the members, I mentioned the resignation of two board members and we were looking for members interested in serving as a Director. The Board was excited and pleased to have seven members with a broad range of backgrounds and qualifications apply for the positions. I am pleased to announce the election of Helen Raimbeau (term will expire in March 2018) and Sandra Weaver (term will expire in March 2017) as your new Directors for the Gardens of Gulf Cove. Helen recently retired as City Clerk of the City of North Port. Sandra

is currently employed with the Engineering Department for Charlotte County Utilities. They both quickly became engaged in the discussions at the Board meeting that followed their election.

Authorization to Receive Official Notification to Members via Electronic Transmission:

Included in the last mailing to all our members was a form to allow for E-Mail or other electronic transmission of official Garden of Gulf notices. Our expectations were exceeded when we received 219 authorizations, that is 22% of all the properties in the Gardens. Not only will the Association save money on mailings, but more important it will reduce the complaints that we receive from members not getting the mailing on time. The Association encourages any member that regularly uses E-Mail to be sign up for electronic transmission of official Association notices. While this does not include electronic balloting for the Director, the Board is investigating the use of an online voting system.

RV Lot

The Board is continuing the investigation into the size and cost of a possible upgrade to the RV Lot. Included in the last mailing to members was a survey to help us estimate the need for expanding the RV lot, we received 28 responses. We expect to have a draft of the updated RV Lot design and cost estimate by the November Board meeting. At that time the Board will determine what to recommend to the members. The members have the final say before starting an expansion of the RV Lot. If the Board determines that an expansion is not needed, the Board will include maintenance of the existing RV Lot in the 2017 annual budget.

Restating the By-Laws & Covenants

The Board is continuing the effort to update the By-Laws and Declaration of Covenants and Use Restrictions. We expect to have drafts ready for review by the members this fall. We plan on holding workshop on at least two Saturdays this fall. This will allow the owners to ask questions and provide their feedback before the Board sends the documents out for a member vote. The Board is encouraging members to provide their comments and suggestions. In that way we can be sure that the restated documents meet the needs of our members.

Jim Newkirk, President

Gardens of Gulf Cove POA Board of Directors

2016 Regular Board Meeting Schedule

Clubhouse (6464 Coniston)
Monday, October 10th - Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 13th -Board Meeting
Continuation 6:30 pm

CAM Corner

Strategize with Us!

Your Board of Directors is reviewing and updating the community's strategic plan, and we want your help!

A strategic plan outlines priorities and projects for the immediate future and for years to come. It can accommodate revisions as changing circumstances dictate—without conflicting with the vision behind its creation. It also helps determine what this year's budget will include and suggests what future ones might feature.

The strategic planning process has many advantages. It stimulates ideas to make good use of association resources, identifies responsibilities, assigns work, coordinates efforts, reveals obstacles, identifies opportunities and guides decisions.

As we review our plan, we'll examine all critical association documents, our governance process, facilities and infrastructure, financial statements (including Board Adopted Reserves) and community demographic trends. We also may conduct a needs assessment, which includes an analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats—a tactic used by many businesses.

Resident feedback is crucial to the strategic plan. We may ask for your input via surveys and town hall meetings to determine needs and interests. Through these opportunities, you can indicate priorities and suggest projects. I will be assisting the Board President, Jim Newkirk this coming fall with Saturday morning Town Hall Meetings.

We'll review your comments then develop and prioritize short-term projects, longer-range projects, and how and when to fund them.

Stay tuned, and start thinking about the future of your community.

The Value of Good Landscaping!

Landscape is one of those property elements that if done properly adds a lot of dramatic flair and increases property values.

The association has a conservative landscaping

budget and also relies on generous Garden Club donations, but the practical purposes accomplished by good landscaping makes it money well spent!

- Landscaping can save money. Substituting perennial ground cover for grass greatly reduces maintenance, and drought-tolerant plants reduce water costs.
- Shrubs and trees screen unsightly utility boxes, trash areas or an unfortunate view. They also make effective sound barriers and privacy screens.
- Landscaping creates new habitats. Some parts of the grounds can be untended natural areas where small shrubs and saplings grow, thus creating habitats for birds, chipmunks and other small animals.
- Landscaping adds color. Flowering trees add color. Geiger, Chinese Orchid, Jatropa, Bottlebrush, Cassia trees, specimen evergreens and other colorful varieties provide color, shade and fragrance throughout the year.
- Landscaping can direct common-area traffic. For example, shrubs planted in strategic locations will funnel pedestrians toward an exit or walkway.
- Landscaping can stabilize awkward topography. A terraced slope planted with ground cover or small shrubs has a dramatic effect without minimal maintenance issues. Lakeshores can be stabilized with the appropriate ground cover.
- Landscaping provides visual interest, especially when it incorporates architectural elements or clever shaping.

Landscaping is a long-term investment in the community that rewards individual homeowners and the association as well.

Jack Sheehan, CMCA, CAM, Realtor and Florida Green Industries Certified

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Garden of Gulf Cove POA
Board Meeting Unapproved Minutes – September 12, 2016 & September 15, 2016

September 12 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
- 4) Approval of previous meeting minutes
 - ☒Ray Forshee ☒Herman Dahl ☒Jack Arlinghaus
 - ☒Thomas Sullivan ☒Marty Vanderbilt ☒Jim Newkirk
 - ☐Fred Streif
- 5) Meet the Candidates
Helen Rainbeau, Beatrice Hudson, and Reed Ell talked with the Board.
- 6) Discussion (no voting):
 - a) By-Laws Draft Section 4.6 Board of Directors: – Fred Streif
Articles of Incorporation will be updated if # and terms of the Director changes
 - b) Declarations Draft Rev 1 Key Discussion for the Board

Meeting to Be Adjourned to September 15 at 6:30 in the Association Clubhouse

- 7) Call Meeting to Order & Re-establish Quorum
 - ☒Ray Forshee ☒Fred Streif ☒Herman Dahl ☒Jack Arlinghaus
 - ☒Thomas Sullivan ☒Marty Vanderbilt ☒Jim Newkirk
- 8) Charlotte County Deputy Sherriff Burke - Crime Statistics
- 9) Treasurer Report: Herman Dahl
- 10) CAM Report: Jack Sheehan
- 11) Fines: Jack Sheehan
 - ☒ Jack Arlinghaus ☒ Herman Dahl ☒ Ray Forshee ☒ Helen Raimbeau
 - ☒ Thomas Sullivan ☒ Marty Vanderbilt ☒ Sandra Weaver ☒ Jim Newkirk
 - ☐ Fred Streif
- 12) President's Report
 - a) RV Lot Update
 - b) New items for budget consideration
 - Ceiling for Clubhouse to reduce noise – Streif
 - New net for tennis courts
- 13) Meet the Candidates
Beatrice Hudson withdrew. Joseph Gauthier and Sandra Weaver talked with the Board.
Crystal Pucket not able to attend but is a candidate.
- 14) Election to fill vacant Director Positions by Current Directors -The Directors elected:
Helen Rainbeau to complete Jack Anderson's term to expire March 2018
Sandra Weaver to complete Greg Smyth's term to expire March 2017
- 15) Old Business
 - a) none

☒ means either **Present** for quorum call or a **YES** vote.

☐ means either **Absent** for quorum call or a **NO** vote

Garden of Gulf Cove POA
Board Meeting Unapproved Minutes – September 12, 2016 & September 15, 2016

16) New Business

Vote on changes to the draft of the Restated Declarations of Covenants and Restrictions:

11.2 Amendment Procedure:

Read comments by Gary Yeiter. Approved as proposed to be included in the draft

☒ Jack Arlinghaus ☒ Herman Dahl ☒ Ray Forshee ☒ Helen Raimbeau ☒ Fred Streif
☒ Thomas Sullivan ☒ Marty Vanderbilt ☒ Sandra Weaver ☒ Jim Newkirk

7.1 Residential Single Family Use:

Approved as proposed to be included in the draft with "*use mass public advertising to*" to replace "*publicly*"

☒ Jack Arlinghaus ☒ Herman Dahl ☒ Ray Forshee ☒ Helen Raimbeau ☒ Fred Streif
☒ Thomas Sullivan ☒ Marty Vanderbilt ☒ Sandra Weaver ☒ Jim Newkirk

7.16 RV and Boat Storage:

Approved as proposed to be included in the draft.

☒ Jack Arlinghaus ☒ Herman Dahl ☒ Ray Forshee ☒ Helen Raimbeau ☒ Fred Streif
☒ Thomas Sullivan ☒ Marty Vanderbilt ☒ Sandra Weaver ☒ Jim Newkirk

2.12 Interpretation:

Approved as proposed to be included in the draft.

☒ Jack Arlinghaus ☒ Herman Dahl ☒ Ray Forshee ☒ Helen Raimbeau ☒ Fred Streif
☒ Thomas Sullivan ☒ Marty Vanderbilt ☒ Sandra Weaver ☒ Jim Newkirk

7.15 Parking:

Read comments by Gary Yeiter regarding size of boats

Approved as proposed to be included in the draft except the size for boat in 7.15.4 to be discussed at a future meeting.

Note all parking restriction will be discussed when the results of the petition are known.

☒ Jack Arlinghaus ☒ Herman Dahl ☒ Ray Forshee ☒ Helen Raimbeau ☒ Fred Streif
☒ Thomas Sullivan ☒ Marty Vanderbilt ☒ Sandra Weaver ☒ Jim Newkirk

7.2 Occupancy of Family and Guests

Approved as proposed to be included in the draft.

☒ Jack Arlinghaus ☒ Herman Dahl ☒ Ray Forshee ☒ Helen Raimbeau ☒ Fred Streif
☒ Thomas Sullivan ☒ Marty Vanderbilt ☒ Sandra Weaver ☒ Jim Newkirk

7.3 Nuisance:

Approved as proposed to be included in the draft.

☒ Jack Arlinghaus ☒ Herman Dahl ☒ Ray Forshee ☒ Helen Raimbeau ☒ Fred Streif
☒ Thomas Sullivan ☒ Marty Vanderbilt ☒ Sandra Weaver ☒ Jim Newkirk

17) Social Committee Reports

- a) Activities: Lucille Breen
- b) Friends Out and About: Herman Dahl
- c) Tennis: Jack Kyle
- d) Koffee Klutch: Jo Russo

18) Motion to Adjourn Meeting

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⊗ means either **Absent** for quorum call or a **NO** vote

October 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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