



# *Gardens of Gulf Cove*

## *Garden Spot Newsletter*

*March 2014*

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### ***President's Letter***

It's March? Has anyone seen January and February? I'm not sure that there are indeed two time zones, based solely on age. One works for all those below 50th anniversary and the other operates for those at the 55-anniversary year and above. I also believe that the one for 55 plus accelerates every year and that what happens is some of us get spun off into space in increasingly larger numbers as we pass 65 and again after 70. It is also a distinct probability that those chosen to remain are asked to make the time zone go ever faster. Regardless it is March, and soon the spring will accelerate its way into our lives and push us into radical decisions that compel travel in larger numbers like the swallows heading to home.

This is our annual meeting month each year and your packets are winging their way to you as I write. Please give these issues your most dedicated concentration. You know this is how we adjust to the ages and fine-tune our community to the needs confronting us as an association and as owners. The Board recommends a yes vote on each of the proposed changes.

By the time this reaches you, we have repaired the office roof at the Recreation Center and are happy to report that all is well. The insurance deductible of \$2,500.00 was taken from the insurance deductible reserve established and fully funded two years ago. Our insurer carried the balance of the costs, including replacing the rain-soaked office laptop.

The restrooms in the Club House have been refreshed and a proposal to replace the restroom stall panels is in the works. We hope you will find this update to these facilities pleasing.

See you at 7:00 pm on March 10th for the Agenda Workshop, March 12th for the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors and March 18th at the Club House for the Annual Membership Meeting.

John W. Anderson  
President GGCP OA

**KARAOKE COMES TO THE GARDENS!!!  
DON'T MISS ANOTHER GREAT TIME!!!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014, 5pm - ??  
at the Club House, 6464 Coniston St.**



**For more information, please  
contact Lucille at (941) 697-  
3809.**

### ***ASSESSMENTS REMINDER:***

**PAYMENTS ARE DUE & PAYABLE BY FEB. 28th.  
PAYMENTS RECEIVED MARCH 1 OR LATER WILL  
BE SUBJECT TO LATE FEES AND INTEREST.**

Invoices were mailed out 11/15/2013, payments were due 1/01/2014 and are late 3/01/2014, giving property owners over 90 days to pay or make payment arrangements.

### ***CRAFT SALE!***

**March 21 & 22, 2014, 9am-2pm  
at the Club House, 6464 Coniston St.**

### ***ANNUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE***

### ***YARD SALE!***

**March 21 & 22, 2014, 9am-2pm**

## **GARDENS OF GULF COVE POA, INC.**

6464 Coniston St., Port Charlotte FL 33981

### **Coniston Office**

941-697-4443 Club House

941-698-9274 facsimile

### **Coliseum Office**

941-697-1211 Rec Center

email: [gardensofgulfcove@gmail.com](mailto:gardensofgulfcove@gmail.com)

website: [www.thegardensofgulfcove.com](http://www.thegardensofgulfcove.com)

- Club House office hours: Mon, Tue, Wed from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
- Rec Center office hours: Mon thru Fri from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- Pool Hours: 8:00 am to sunset, weather permitting.

For your convenience, after-hours lockboxes are available at both offices.

## **Management Team**

**Greg Smyth** ..... Licensed Community Association Manager

**Stacey Andersen** ..... Assistant Manager

## **2013-2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

**President:** **John "Jack" Anderson**

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## **Gardens and Beautification**

### **Committee upcoming dates:**

- Thursday, March 6 - Garden and Beautification Committee - 10:00 AM at Clubhouse
- Saturday, March 8 - Great American Cleanup Day - 9:00 AM at Rec Center
- Saturday, March 22 - Pizza Party 5:30 at Clubhouse

## **ATTENTION PET OWNERS!**

Please do not allow your pet to wander onto private property while out walking the community. Some pet owners are allowing their pups to "do their business" in others yards and leaving it for that property owner to clean up! If you do walk your pet on Association property, please carry a bag and pick up the fecal matter.



The community documents, as well as Charlotte County Code requires fecal matter be removed immediately. Please do your part, because failure to do so may result in an invitation to a Fining Hearing!

PEDESTRIANS ALWAYS HAVE RIGHT OF WAY... GIVE THEM PLENTY OF TIME AND ROOM TO CROSS!

Please do your part - take pride in your property!  
Fix up, spruce up, paint & plant!

## **IMPORTANT:**

**The new deadline for newsletter submissions is the 12th 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 the newsletter editor, Stacey at 941-697-1211.

Board Meetings, 7pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month,

Agenda Workshops, 7pm the Monday before.

All meetings are at the Club House, 6464 Coniston St.

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MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF  
THE GARDENS OF GULF COVE!

## RESIDENT & VISITOR ID's

In 2014, the Association will transition from the laminated photo ID's to a magnetic card ID system to better meet the needs of its members. This is an Association decision and not a decision by our staff.

Please know the only passes issued until the transition is complete will be the temporary/visitor passes. Existing laminated ID's will be renewed as needed until the new system is installed and the new cards are issued.

We apologize for any inconvenience or any misunderstanding and appreciate your patience during this transition!



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## FRIENDS OUT AND ABOUT LUNCHEON

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 26, 2014 at 1:00PM**

**The Fishery Restaurant**  
**13000 Fishery Road**  
**Placida, FL**



**Come join friends and neighbors**  
**All residents and their guests welcome**

**Please RSVP By Monday March 24**

**To Herman (941) 697-0424**

### Directions:

**South on 771 (Gasperillo) turn left after  
first bridge - parking lot on RH side**

## GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

**THE NATION'S LARGEST COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM!**

**What:** Cleanup, fix-up, paint-up, green-up to help keep your community beautiful. Activities can include litter cleanups; litter-free events, school and community playground/park cleanup, renovation or construction; any type of community beautification; roadway cleanup and beautification; clothing collection; reduce, reuse, recycle activities/education; river, lake, seashore cleanups; graffiti removal; cell phone recycling; and much more.

**Join your neighbors in the Gardens  
of Gulf Cove as we join in Charlotte  
County's participation. We will be  
doing littler cleanup along all our  
roadways in GCC.**

**Saturday, March 8, 2014**

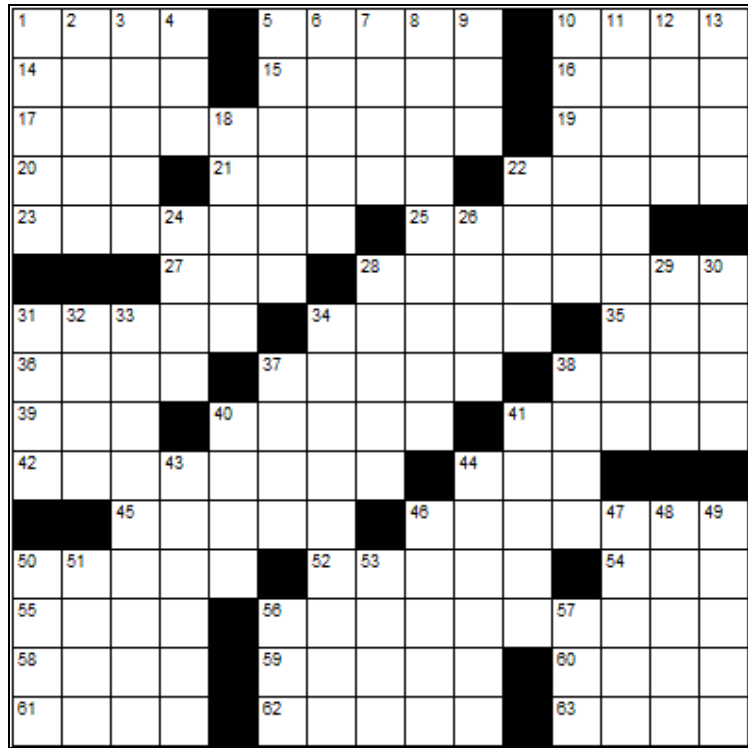
**9:00 AM at the Rec Center  
for more info call**

**Fred or Carolyn Streif 941-204-0501**

We will have bags for collection and disposal of litter.  
Participants receive water, snacks, a t-shirt, and the satisfaction  
of helping to improve our community.

## ACROSS

1. Not less
5. Fable writer
10. Church alcove
14. Cards with 1 symbol
15. Courageous
16. Parasitic insect
17. A toy that fires pellets
19. Dregs
20. Varnish ingredient
21. Law and \_\_\_\_\_
22. Wobbly
23. Accord
25. Cereal grass
27. Mayday
28. One more than a dozen
31. Indian instrument
34. Strainer
35. Mineral rock
36. Beige
37. Actor Clark \_\_\_\_\_
38. Happy cat sound
39. Foot digit
40. Jeans material
41. Lariat
42. Large arboreal boa
44. Wordplay
45. Units of medicine
46. Favorable position
50. Young sheep
52. An object
54. Petrol
55. Murres
56. Unruly
58. Peddle
59. Mistake
60. Sea eagle
61. Stop
62. Manicurist's board
63. Handguns



## DOWN

1. Official tree of Canada
2. Sea
3. Respond
4. S
5. Terminates
6. Wear away
7. Satisfy
8. Overpower
9. Apiece
10. Borne on the water
11. Ample
12. Search
13. Not difficult
18. Show respect towards
22. Used to be
24. Brother of Jacob
26. Apiary
28. Leg bone
29. Makes a mistake
30. Roman emperor
31. Bristle
32. Computer symbol
33. A walking exercise device
34. Sirocco
37. Heredity unit
38. Breathe hard
40. Sleep in a convenient place
41. Move forward suddenly
43. A hard metallic element
44. Larder
46. Eyeshade
47. Ancient Greek marketplace
48. Thin
49. S S S S
50. Verdant
51. District
53. Employ
56. Spelling contest
57. Regulation (abbrev.)

# March Crossword



*Come join us for a great time at our*

# **ANNUAL** **PIZZA PARTY**



**Sponsored By:**

**Gardens of Gulf Cove Garden Club**

**Menu: Assorted varieties of Pizza and Desserts**  
**Includes Salad, Coffee, Ice and Paper Goods**  
**B.Y.O.B. & Snacks**

**Date: Saturday, March 22, 2014**

**Time: 5:30-9:30p.m.**

**Place: GGC Clubhouse**

**Entertainment : Kenny Anderson**

**Tickets: \$10.00**

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|--------------------|--------------|
| ▪ Ralph Filipelli, | 941-697-5197 |
| ▪ John Arbogast    | 941-698-4092 |
| ▪ Lucille Breen    | 941-697-3809 |
| ▪ Janet Anderson   | 941-623-9116 |

## **Prizes and Raffles !**

*All Proceeds benefit our community*



## ***When is St. Patrick's Day?***

St. Patrick's Day takes place each year on March 17, the traditional religious feast day of Saint Patrick.

## ***Did You Know?***

There are 34.7 million U.S. residents with Irish ancestry. This number is more than seven times the population of Ireland itself.



## ***St. Patrick's Day Celebration***

- Corned beef and cabbage is a traditional St. Patrick's Day dish. In 2009, roughly 26.1 billion pounds of beef and 2.3 billion pounds of cabbage were produced in the United States.
- Irish soda bread gets its name and distinctive character from the use of baking soda rather than yeast as a leavening agent.
- Lime green chrysanthemums are often requested for St. Patrick's Day parades and celebrations.

## ***St. Patrick's Day Parade***

- The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in the United States on March 17, 1762, when Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City.
- More than 100 St. Patrick's Day parades are held across the United States. New York City and Boston are home to the largest celebrations.
- At the annual New York City St. Patrick's Day parade, participants march up 5th Avenue from 44th Street to 86th Street. Each year, between 150,000 and 250,000 marchers take part in the parade, which does not allow automobiles or floats.

## ***Places to Spend St. Patrick's Day***

- There are seven places in the United States named after the shamrock, the floral emblem of Ireland including Mount Gay-Shamrock, WV; Shamrock, TX; Shamrock Lakes, IN; and Shamrock, OK.
- Sixteen U.S. places share the name of Ireland's capital, Dublin. With 44,541 residents, Dublin, CA, is the largest of the nice, followed by Dublin, OH, with 39,310.
- Other towns with the luck of the Irish include Emerald Isle, North Carolina and Irishtown, Illinois.

## ***Facts about Irish Americans***

- There are 34.7 million U.S. residents with Irish ancestry. This number is more than seven times the population of Ireland itself.
- Irish is the nation's second most frequently reported ancestry, ranking behind German.
- Across the country, 11 percent of residents lay claim to Irish ancestry. That number more than doubles to 23 percent in the state of Massachusetts.
- Irish is the most common ancestry in 54 U.S. counties, of which 44 are in the Northeast. Middlesex County in Massachusetts tops the list with 348,978 Irish Americans, followed by Norfolk County, MA, which has 203,285.
- Irish ranks among the top five ancestries in every state except Hawaii and New Mexico. It is the leading ancestry group in Delaware, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.
- There are approximately 144,588 current U.S. residents who were born in Ireland.

## ***St. Patrick's Day Traditions***

St. Patrick's Day is a holiday known for parades, shamrocks and all things Irish. From leprechauns to the color green, find out how symbols we now associate with St. Patrick's Day came to be, and learn about a few that are purely American invention.

## ***The Shamrock***

The shamrock, which was also called the "seamroy" by the Celts, was a sacred plant in ancient Ireland because it symbolized the rebirth of spring. By the seventeenth century, the shamrock had become a symbol of emerging Irish nationalism. As the English began to seize Irish land and make laws against the use of the Irish language and the practice of Catholicism, many Irish began to wear the shamrock as a symbol of their pride in their heritage and their displeasure with English rule.



## ***Did You Know?***

The color traditionally associated with St. Patrick was blue, not green.

# MARCH 2014

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**CH** = Club House, 6464 Coniston St

**10a** Fining Hearings - CH

**RC** = Recreation Center, 6615 Coliseum Blvd

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3

**8a** Tennis - RC  
**8:45a** Shuffleboard-RC  
**9a** Aerobics - CH  
**11a** Aquacize - RC  
**3p** Exercise - CH

4

**8:30a** Horseshoes - RC  
**9a** Painting - CH  
**2-4p** Card Club - CH  
**3-5p** Bowling  
**5:30p** Cribbage - CH  
**7p** Cub Scouts - RC

5

**8a** Tennis - RC  
**10a** Koffee Klatch-CH  
**11a** Aquacize - RC  
**7p** Girl Scouts - CH

6

**8a** Tennis - RC  
**9:30a** Bocce - RC  
**10a** Garden & Beautification Meeting-CH  
**6p** Men's Poker - RC  
**7p** Ladies Bible Study-CH

7

**8a** Tennis - RC  
**9a** Aerobics - CH  
**11a** Aquacize - RC  
**7p** Cub Scouts - CH

8

**9a** Great American CleanUp Day-RC  
**5p** Karaoke-CH

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**8a** Tennis - RC  
**8:45a** Shuffleboard-RC  
**9a** Aerobics - CH  
**11a** Aquacize - RC  
**3p** Exercise - CH

11

**8:30a** Horseshoes - RC  
**9a** Painting - CH  
**11a** Audit - CH  
**2-4p** Card Club - CH  
**3-5p** Bowling  
**5:30p** Cribbage - CH  
**7p** Cub Scouts - RC

12

**8a** Tennis - RC  
**10a** Koffee Klatch-CH  
**11a** Aquacize - RC

13

**8a** Tennis - RC  
**9:30a** Bocce - RC  
**6p** Men's Poker - RC  
**7p** Ladies Bible Study-CH

14

**8a** Tennis - RC  
**9a** Aerobics - CH  
**11a** Aquacize - RC  
**7p** Cub Scouts - CH

15

**7p Agenda Workshop-CH**

**7p Board Meeting - CH**

16

17

**8a** Tennis - RC  
**8:45a** Shuffleboard-RC  
**9a** Aerobics - CH  
**11a** Aquacize - RC  
**3p** Exercise - CH

18

**8a** Tennis-RC  
**8:30a** Horseshoes - RC  
**9a** Painting - CH  
**2-4p** Card Club - CH  
**3-5p** Bowling  
**7p** Cub Scouts - RC

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**8a** Tennis - RC  
**10a** Koffee Klatch-CH  
**11a** Aquacize - RC  
**7p** Girl Scouts - CH

20

**8a** Tennis - RC  
**9:30a** Bocce - RC  
**6p** Men's Poker - RC  
**7p** Cub Scouts-CH

21

**8a** Tennis - RC  
**9am-2pm Community Yard Sale**  
**9a** Aerobics - CH  
**11a** Aquacize - RC  
**7p** Cub Scouts - CH

22

**9a-2p Community Yard Sale**  
**5p** Garden & Beautification Pizza Party-CH

**7p Annual Members Meeting-CH**

23

24

**8a** Tennis - RC  
**8:45a** Shuffleboard-RC  
**9a** Aerobics - CH  
**11a** Aquacize - RC  
**3p** Exercise - CH

25

**8:30a** Horseshoes - RC  
**9a** Painting - CH  
**2-4p** Card Club - CH  
**3-5p** Bowling  
**5:30p** Cribbage - CH  
**7p** Cub Scouts - RC

26

**8a** Tennis - RC  
**10a** Koffee Klatch-CH  
**11a** Aquacize - RC  
**1p** Friends Out & About - The Fishery  
**7p** Girl Scouts - CH

27

**8a** Tennis - RC  
**9:30a** Bocce - RC  
**6p** Men's Poker - RC  
**7p** Ladies Bible Study-CH

28

**8a** Tennis - RC  
**9a** Aerobics - CH  
**11a** Aquacize - RC  
**1-4p** Tennis Luncheon-CH  
**7p** Cub Scouts - CH

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**8a** Tennis - RC  
**8:45a** Shuffleboard-RC  
**9a** Aerobics - CH  
**11a** Aquacize - RC  
**3p** Exercise - CH

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3/25 JC Cruise \$59  
3/28 Tarpon Springs \$79  
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