

# Gardens of Gulf Cove

Garden Spot Newsletter
August 2014

## **2015 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Friday, August 1, 2014

7pm

at the Club House, 6464 Coniston St.

PROPERTY OWNER'S ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE

ASSOCIATION'S 2015 BUDGET WORKSHOP!

This is **YOUR** chance to express your concerns, ask questions and discuss the vision for the future of our community!

We hope to see you there!

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

6464 Coniston St., Port Charlotte FL 33981

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Coliseum Office 941-697-1211 Rec Center

email: gardensofgulfcove@gmail.com website: 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

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#### 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!

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August and fall is not far away and then we will be welcoming back our seasonal owners and how busy we will soon be. If anyone out there knows where June and July went, please ask them each to call home.

Most are aware that the new establishment at the corner of Coliseum and 776 is open and doing a brisk business. The landscaping is not what we wanted, but will make the facility an attractive setting. We are not at this writing having traffic issues but the facility is new and soon folks will find it and we will have a better feel for what lies ahead.

The CAM and staff are working on the key card entrance system for the pools and we are most hopeful that by late September we will be fully operational and experiencing minimal problems. Now we are dealing with the typical start up issues of this is too little this is too large but we are working through as we go. In the mean while, please know this will not be an instant but will take training and learning time. For example, you will now need your card because even though you are not going to the pool but the center remembers the bathrooms are inside the security gates and will require a key card to enter. Visiting teams, like the tennis teams from other areas, will need support to access these facilities, as will the shuffleboard players. It is a new challenge and a new learning opportunity.

We have started the budget building process and have done the walk about of the facilities. Next we take the "budget tree", the known expenditure lines based on past years outlay, and begin developing the need to do and the want to do costs to hang on the "tree". Once that is done we will have an idea of what it takes to do the projects and pay salaries etc. and we will move on to the "this year/next year" stage of narrowing down. By the August meeting, we should have budget that reflects the 2015 actual lines for operation of our community. As is our practice, the two sessions of budget building (e.g. budget workshops), the first on July 19th and the last on August first, are open to all members of the Association.

We had a bike theft from the recreation center recently and while we notified the sheriff distinguishing bikes is always an issue. Please write down the bike serial number for your records and for identification purposes ((most bike numbers are on the bottom of the crankcase for the pedals)) and get a nice lock so you can tie the bike to the rack located outside each building. It is a shame but there are thieves everywhere and it appears we are no longer an exception.

Have a great month and enjoy the beauty of August. John W. Anderson President GGCPOA

#### FRIENDS OUT AND ABOUT

Within our community we have several organizations devoted to the enjoyment of both our residents, their guests, renters, and those just visiting the community for either short or long stays. As the person in charge of the monthly luncheons I would like to let these people know how welcome they are to join us at the regular luncheons and how they operate. First, we are not a club but just a group of folks who like to go out to lunch at a planned restaurant and join others to discuss some of the days topics along with the events that are going on in the area. We are young, old, single, divorced, married and very interested in the happening that affect the Gardens of Gulf Cove.

Our primary objective is to go out to lunch and enjoy ourselves with the company of others. All of the restaurants chosen have been visited before and are chosen because the offer a variety of meals at lunch from a simple soup and salad, a sandwich to a full meal all at reasonable prices. Each individual or couple is responsible for their own bill so that no one is paying for someone having a cocktail or desert with their meal.

This get together has been going on for quite a few years and we have had some very responsible people in charge of the lunches. In most cases they themselves have been to lunch at the chosen location to make sure the meals are appropriate and the seating arrangements will suit those attending so as to make an enjoyable meal for everyone. The lunches are always the last Wednesday of the month and begin promptly at 1:00PM unless the last Wed is a holiday, in that case it is rescheduled.

The notices for the lunch are posted in the Rec Center, the Clubhouse, and at the two pools. The only requirement is that you call in advance to let the person making the reservations know as to whether you are attending so that seating arrangements may be made.

## Charlotte County Utilities Water Restrictions & Conservation

#### **Year-Round Water Conservation Measures**

The District's year-round water conservation measures went back into effect August 1, 2013. Charlotte County Ordinance 2010-016 adopted the water management district's year-round water conservation measures. Below are the current water conservation measures in place in Charlotte County. Always refer to your city or county regulations first.

#### **Lawn Watering Days and Times**

Lawn watering is limited to twice per week (if needed). Lawn watering days and times are as follows unless your city or county has a different schedule or stricter hours in effect:

(Based on the last number in your service address)

Even number addresses may water on Thurs and /or Sun - before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

Odd number addresses may water on Wed and/or Sat - before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

Hand watering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) may be done on any day and any time.

#### New Lawns and Plants (30 / 30)

New lawns and plants have a "30-30" establishment period. On day of installation, watering is allowed on any day at any time. During the first 30 days, watering is allowed on any day, however during the allowable hours (before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.). During the second 30 days, watering is allowed three days per week: even-numbered addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday; odd-numbered addresses may water Monday, Wednesday and Saturday; and locations without a discernable address may water on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday.

#### **Reclaimed Water**

Reclaimed water remains subject to voluntary watering hours, unless blended with another water source or restricted by the local government or utility.

#### Fountains, Car Washing and Pressure Washing

There are no specific restrictions on fountains, car washing and pressure washing.

These and other water uses should be conducted as efficiently as possible, such as using a shutoff nozzle on each hose to adhere to the general restriction prohibiting wasteful water usage.

If you have additional water restriction questions, please contact SWFWMD by email at <a href="https://www.water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org">Water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org</a> or by calling their Water Restrictions Hotline at 1.800.848.0499 anytime or 1.800.836.0797, ext. 2298 during business hours (Florida only).

# Things to look for in your lawn maintenance company

### Do they ...

- Display the required BMP Training Certification Decal on their equipment? (required after September 18, 2008).
- Use a minimum 50% slow-release nitrogen fertilizer product?
- Apply no more than the maximum allowable amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus?
- Use a deflector shield on all broadcast fertilizer spreaders?
- Remove grass clippings from the roadway, storm drains, and ditches?
- Promote the benefits of a low maintenance zone around water bodies?
- Maintain a 10' fertilizer-free zone around water bodies and wetlands, or three feet with a deflector?
- Refrain from applying nitrogen and phosphorus from June 1<sup>st</sup>-September 30<sup>th</sup>?

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Extension Service 941.764.4340 http://charlotte.ifas.ufl.edu





What you need to know about

Charlotte County's

Fertilizer

Ordinance



Ordinance No. 2011-017

The Charlotte County Fertilizer Ordinance was written in 2008 to allow for maintaining healthy landscapes while still keeping our water clean. The Ordinance was amended in 2011 with two important changes:

- No fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus may be applied from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> (Restricted Season) to turf or landscape plants.
- Additionally there is now a limit of no more than 4 pounds of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet per year total.

For more information on the Fertilizer Ordinance, and how you can maintain your yard as a Florida-Friendly landscape, please visit our website at <a href="http://charlotte.ifas.edu/horticulture/hort-fertilizer1.htm">http://charlotte.ifas.edu/horticulture/hort-fertilizer1.htm</a>.

#### Phosphorus Applications

Shall not exceed 0.25 pounds per 1,000 square feet at each application, and shall not exceed a total of 0.5 pounds per 1,000 square feet per vear.

#### Nitrogen Applications

Nitrogen fertilizer must contain at least 50% slow-release nitrogen. Calculate your fertilizer needs so that you apply 1 pound of actual N per 1,000 square feet per application.

#### Deflector Shields

If fertilizing within 3-10 feet from a water body or wetland, a deflector shield must be used on all broadcast spreaders. Fertilizer may not be applied within three feet of the water body or wetland.

#### Grass Clippings

No grass clippings, vegetative material, or vegetative debris may be deposited in stormwater drains, ditches, conveyances, water bodies, or roadways.

#### Low-Maintenance Zone

A 6-foot low maintenance zone of landscape plants appropriate to preventing fertilizer runoff is recommended for any water body or wetland.

#### Fertilizer-Free Zone

Fertilizer may not be applied within 10 feet of any water body or wetland (or 3 feet if a deflector shield is used). No fertilizer may be applied to impervious (non-porous) surfaces, and any spillage must be removed.

#### Commercial Fertilizer Applicators

All applicators of fertilizer (except homeowners on their own property) must receive training and certification in a Charlotte County-approved Best Management Practices (BMP) training program.

Contact Charlotte County Extension Service (941.764.4340) for training opportunities. http://charlotte.ifas.urfl.edu

#### Enforcement

Enforcement actions will take place through the use of county code enforcement procedures or civil penalties.

This Ordinance applies to both homeowners and those who apply fertilizer commercially within unincorporated Charlotte County.

#### Restricted Season

No fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus may be applied from June 1st to September 30th (Restricted Season) to turf or landscape plants.



#### August 2014

Englewood, Florida, USA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Sunrise: 6:54am Sunset: 8:18pm	2 Sunrise: 6:54am Sunset: 8:17pm
3 Sunrise: 6:55am Sunset: 8:17pm First Qtr: 8:51pm	Sunrise: 6:55am Sunset: 8:16pm	5 Sunrise: 6:56am Sunset: 8:15pm	6 Sunrise: 6:56am Sunset: 8:15pm	7 Sunrise: 6:57am Sunset: 8:14pm	8 Sunrise: 6:57am Sunset: 8:13pm	9 Sunrise: 6:58am Sunset: 8:12pm
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24 Sunrise: 7:05am Sunset: 7:59pm	25 Sunrise: 7:05am Sunset: 7:58pm New Moon: 10:14am	Sunrise: 7:06am Sunset: 7:57pm	27 Sunrise: 7:06am Sunset: 7:56pm	28 Sunrise: 7:07am Sunset: 7:55pm	29 Sunrise: 7:07am Sunset: 7:54pm	30 Sunrise: 7:08am Sunset: 7:53pm
31 Sunrise: 7:08am Sunset: 7:52pm						

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#### **Gardens of Gulf Cove Property Owners Association, Inc.**

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#### \*\* MEETING HIGHLIGHTS \*\*

The following meeting information is unofficial and has not been approved by the Board of Directors.

Once approved by the Board of Directors, the official meeting minutes are available at the Association office upon request.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House on July 09, 2014. President Jack Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Directors present in person: Jack Anderson, Jack Arlinghaus, Lucille Breen, Herman Dahl, Charles Petit, Martha Vanderbilt and Sandy Withrow; present via Skype: Fred Streif; not present: John Arbogast. A quorum was present. Also in attendance: Greg Smyth, Licensed Community Association Manager (LCAM) and Stacey Andersen, Assistant Manager.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Set Agenda
- 3. Speaker on the Agenda Deputy Dan Cotton, Charlotte County Sheriff's Dept., not present, no report.
- **4.** <u>Minutes</u>: Motion to accept the minutes as presented from the Regular Meeting of 6/11/2014 and the Agenda Workshop of 7/07/2014 made by H.Dahl, seconded by C.Petit. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Correspondence:
- **6.** Treasurer's Report: Report given by H.Dahl.
- 7. RV Storage Lot Report: Report given by J. Arlinghaus, Chairperson.
- **8.** Manager's Report: Report given by G.Smyth, LCAM.
- 9. Streets & Drainage Report: Report given by G.Smyth, Chairperson, next meeting scheduled for September 9, 2014, 2:00 p.m.
- 10. Committee Reports:
- a. Audit Committee: Report given by Janet Anderson, Chairperson.
- b. Activities:
  - i. Bocce: Ambrose Biondo, Chairperson, not present, no report.
  - ii. <u>Bowling</u>: L.Breen, Chairperson, no activity, no report.
  - iii. Friends Out & About: Report given by H.Dahl, Chairperson.
  - iv. Garden & Beautification: Report given by Janet Anderson, Chairperson.
  - v. <u>Shuffleboard</u>: Bob Whitney, Chairperson, not present, no report.
  - vi. <u>Tennis</u>: Report given by Jack Kyle, Chairperson.

#### c. Covenants & Restrictions:

- i. <u>Compliance Committee</u>: The Compliance Officer continues to send out violation letters and fining notices.
- ii. <u>Fining Committee</u>: Hearings are held the first Saturday of each month. Fining recommendations are found under New Business.
- Maintenance Committee: no report.

#### 11. Old Business:

- a) 2015 Budget Planning considerations:
  - i. Club House parking lot
  - ii. Club House flooring
  - iii. ADA requirements for Rec Center bath house renovation
  - iv. ADA requirements for facility sidewalks
  - v. 3.5-4% wage increase

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#### 12. New Business:

- a) Fining Hearing files reviewed by Board of Directors.
- b) McDonald's & fence discussed.

#### 13. Other Discussions:

- a) 2015 Budget Workshops:
  - a. Saturday, July 19, 10am, Club House, 6464 Coniston St.
  - b. Friday, August 1, 7pm, Club House, 6464 Coniston St.
- 14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by H.Dahl. Motion carried unanimously.

**How to play:** The numbers 1 through 9 will appear once only in each row, column, and 3x3 zone. There are 9 such zones in each sudoku grid. There is only one correct solution to each sudoku. Good luck!

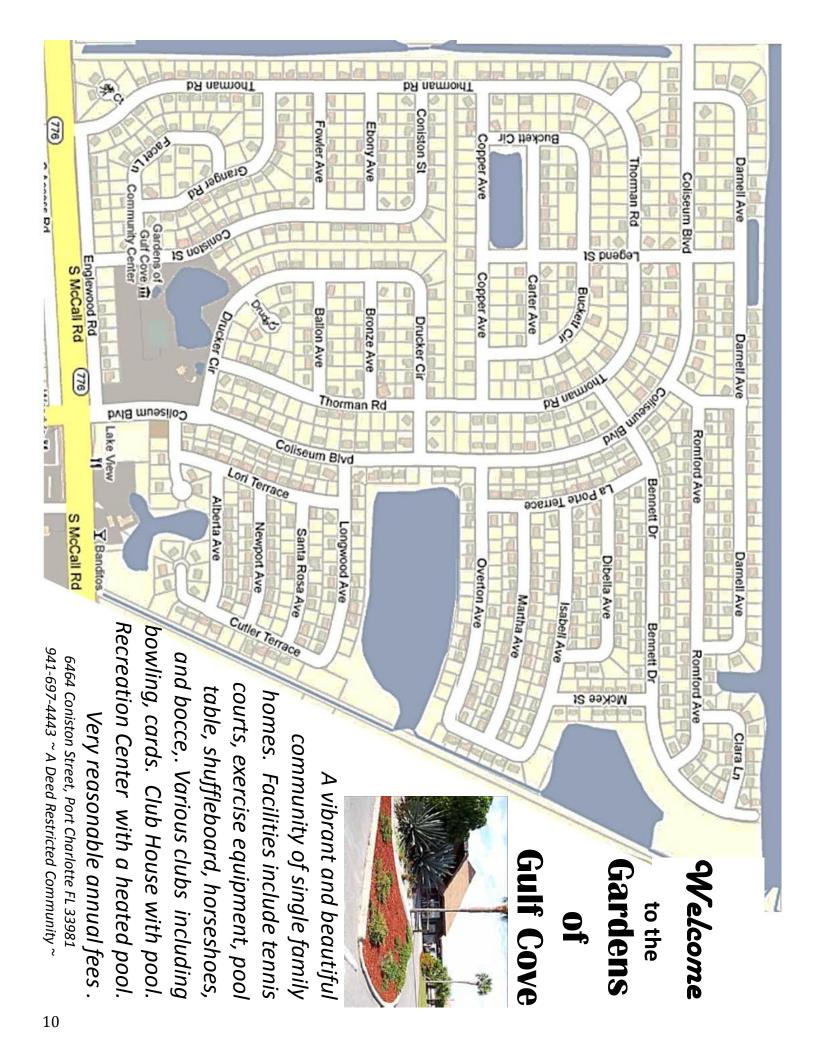
## August Sudoku

Difficulty level: medium.

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August 2014									
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