

Gardens of Gulf Cove

Garden Spot Newsletter

January 2016

PRESIDENTS LETTER

The New Year is upon us and new adventures will soon begin for us all. As we embark on another year in the Gardens of Gulf Cove I want to remind all that this is your Property Owners Association and that the Board you elect seeks to guide the community's success in maintaining our resources and addressing the challenges presented by old facilities whose life span is drawing to a close. We must answer the challenge this life span issue presents since the only major charge to the Board is to maintain what was given and to repair and replace that which is failing. The Board is embarking on new financial management opportunities we believe will ensure that the funds are available to meet the challenges ahead. Among our new management strategies will be establishing financial reserves is a vital part of financing the future maintenance and repair issues our community will encounter as our 1970s facilities meet the onslaught of twenty-first century age. The January meeting of the Board of Directors will deal with these and other planning models we believe will carry us well into the future.

Our monthly Board meetings have become way too complex and as a result they exceed reasonable time and endurance limits for our community and the Board. I am going to adopt some of the Roberts Rules procedures for our meetings I believe will make the sessions more focused and thus more deliberative and efficient. Among the changes will be a more rigid structure to manage debate and control conversation more efficiently. This will focus the work of the Board members directly on the agenda items adopted for the evenings business. This means that the Monday night meeting will be more structured as well in order to produce a manageable agenda for the Wednesday session of the Board.

The meetings on Mondays to develop the agenda will begin at 7:00 pm and will, conclude with the adoption of the business items for the Wednesday business meetings at 7:00 pm in the Club House. The Wednesday meetings will continue to include the reports of all our activities but will focus on the business of the Board of Directors and will be much more structured in nature. Tightening procedures will collapse the time for questions, limit the subject matter and focus debate among the Board members. In short, the Wednesday night meetings are going to be run as the business meetings of the Board to which all are invited but it is first and foremost a business meeting. This new format will undoubtedly take some getting used to but being more efficient and more focused will improve performance and improve the product that must come to the annual meeting of the POA.

I hope that you all will attend the meetings on January 11 and 13 as we begin a New Year in the life of the Gardens of Gulf Cove. In the meantime it is my hope for you and yours that this New Year will bring Peace and Great Joy.

Happy New Year to all!

*John W. Anderson, President
Gardens of Gulf Cove POA Board of Directors*



GARDENS OF GULF COVE POA, INC.

6464 Coniston St., Port Charlotte FL 33981

Coniston Office

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941-698-9274 facsimile

Coliseum Office

941-697-1211 Rec Center

email: gardensofgulfcove@gmail.com

website: www.thegardensofgulfcove.com

- Pool Hours: January - 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

February-8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

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.

Yoga

Yoga is in session on Tuesday's 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).



Line Dancing Class



Beginner's line dancing class are offered at the Club House on Fridays 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.

Management Team

Jack SheehanLicensed Community Association Manager

MARCH 2015 - March 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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2017 term exp.

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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
- Friday, Feb. 26, 2016 Dinner Dance 5:30pm
- Saturday, March 19, 2016 Pizza Party 5:30pm



2016 Regular Board Meeting Schedule

- 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse 6464 Coniston St
- Monday, January 11, 2016 Board Meeting
- Wednesday, January 13, 2016 Continuation
- Monday, February 8, 2016 Board Meeting
- Wednesday, February 10, 2016 Continuation
- Monday, March 7, 2016 Board Meeting
- Wednesday, March 10, 2016 Continuation
- Monday, April 11, 2016 Board Meeting
- Wednesday, April 13, 2016 Continuation
- Monday, May 9, 2016 Board Meeting
- Wednesday, May 11, 2016 Continuation
- Monday, June 6, 2016 Board Meeting

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- Wednesday, June 8, 2016 Continuation
- Monday, July 11, 2016 Board Meeting
- Wednesday, July 13, 2016 Continuation
- Monday, August 8, 2016 Board Meeting
- Wednesday, August 10, 2016 Continuation
- Monday, September 12, 2016 Board Meeting
- Wednesday, September 14, 2016 Continuation
- Monday, October 10, 2016 Board Meeting
- Wednesday, October 12, 2016 Continuation
- Monday, November 7, 2016 Board Meeting
- Wednesday, November 9, 2016 Continuation
- Monday, December 12, 2016 Board Meeting
- Wednesday, December 14, 2016 Continuation

Aquacise Class

Fun in the sun. Come join the fun every Monday and Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.



Tennis

Congratulations are in order for the stellar showing of the tennis team in league play led by Jack Kyle.

Pool Hours

- January -8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- February -8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Please note: The Rec Center and Pool will be open Christmas and New Year's Day from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm



Recreation Building Hours

- December 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- January 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.



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Website

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ASSESSMENT REMINDER:



The Assessments are due \$332.75. If you wish to participate in the installment plan, please schedule your ACH deduction as soon as possible.

CAM'S CORNER

It takes several recorded documents to govern a community. Often times the documents conflict with each other or the law. In these situations the legislatures have developed a hierarchy of documents and laws in descending order of priority as follows:

- The laws of the United States
- The laws of the State of Florida
- The laws of Charlotte County
- The Declaration of Covenants
- The Articles of Incorporation
- The By-laws of the corporation
- The Rules and Regulations

Obviously, the governmental laws override all the associations' documents. When it comes to the association documents, the Declaration of Covenants is not only the hardest to modify but also the main document that sets out the way in which the association will exist, the authority given the association and restrictions placed upon all property owners. The Articles of Incorporation defines the corporate structure of the association and the By-laws set out the operational aspects of the association. The combined documents or Docs as they are referred to collectively deliver a quasi-government structure that provides benefits to individual owners that otherwise could not be done.

One charge of the association is to assess for the maintenance of the common elements and the enforcement of the restrictive covenants. The assessments are set out in the Declaration of Covenants, which in the hierarchy explained above is the highest ranking of the documents. Therefore, we are bound and obligated to enforce the payment restriction as written:

"Article VII; Section 1 – Assessments Due Date. Owners shall pay all Assessments when due, January 1 of each fiscal year."

There are not many ways to interpret that statement, if the word may was used in place of shall the entire sentence meaning would change.

Writings in the subordinate documents cannot contradict or in any other way change the meaning or intent of the declaration.

The board can make reasonable accommodations on a case by case basis and approval is based on need.

I hope this explains why we have to enforce the covenants as recorded, particularly the payment dates.

Jack Sheehan, CAM

Maintenance Projects in the Community

Right after the New Year we will be starting the construction of the addition to the RV storage lot and day lot. The first part of the process will be the laying down of the bed (gravel) then the installation of the fence. We will be putting up black chain link with barbed wire atop. Once the new section is finished, the RVs will be moved from the old lot to the new so the fencing in the old lot can be repaired and painted black. The new lot will be able to accommodate the largest RV available today. If you are interested in storing on either of the lots, contact the office.

The mulch got installed with the assistance and guidance of the Garden Club. All the other maintenance projects are progressing along as planned. We've been able to simultaneously work on the lake areas as well as the common elements at the clubhouse and rec center. Our goal is to have all the invasive species removed from the lake areas by the summer of 2016. Keep in mind the lakes are man-made and not protected by DNR. There are times where we have to remove other species to get access to remove the invasive species. Our lake maintenance contractor is expanding the spraying of cattails and alligator grasses if it blinds the view of the lake from homes. The vegetation should take a couple of months to die off. The association will maintain the areas in the future.

When the University of Florida Extension Service was in, we looked at some trees to be sure we didn't have white flies infestation and we don't. In the process several diseased or dying trees were identified which we cut down. Since they are protected species the association is obligated to replace them with another protected species of tree. In consulting with the Garden Club, they decided on Royal Poinciana and Golden Rain trees. Both will be a colorful addition to the common areas.

On behalf of all the staff we wish the members and their families the very best for the holiday season!

The Board of Directors Gardens of Gulf Cove POA
Board of Directors Meeting December 9, 2015

- 1) Call to Order by Jack Anderson at 7:00 pm
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Establish a Quorum by the Following Directors:

Jack Anderson	Present
Lucille Breen	Present
Jack Arlinghaus	Present
Greg Smyth	Not Present
Laura Ranahan	Not Present
Marty Vanderbilt	Present
Fred Streif	Present
Herman Dahl	Present
Ray Forshee	Present

- 5) Minutes from Previous Meeting approved as written

Report of Committees and Staff:

- i. Friends out and About Chairperson, Herman Dahl
- ii. Garden & Beautification: Janet Anderson
- iii. Bowling, Yoga and Line Dancing: Lucille Breen
- iv. Bocce: Jerry Gentner
- v. Shuffleboard: Bob Whitney
- vi. Tennis: Jack Kyle
- vii. Audit Committee: Janet Anderson
- viii. Fining Committee: No fining committee meeting in December
- ix. Treasurer's Report, Herman Dahl, attached
- x. CAM Report, attached

6) Owner's Input on Agenda Items

7) Chairman's Announcements

1. Explanation of the Covenant's requirement that the Annual Assessment payment for each property owner is due in full on 1 January of each year and an explanation of the 2016 implementation of that directive. Since this is a change from past practice, the Board will waive late fees until January 31, 2016.

2. An explanation of the order of priority in the governance documents of the Gardens of Gulf Cove Property Association in descending order of priority as follows;

- a. Laws of the United States
- b. Laws of Florida
- c. Laws of Charlotte County
- d. Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions
- e. Articles of Incorporation
- f. By-Laws
- g. Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board of Directors

1. Minor discussion and explanation of Robert's Rules of Order.

8) Old Business:

a) **Approved:** Approve Process and Procedure to Meet FS 720 for Fining; follow existing procedure except; persons being fined may appeal to the committee.

b) **Defeated:** New Meeting Time 6:30 pm, separation of activities and business to Monday and Wednesday meeting respectively.

9) New Business

a. Discussion on pool capacity in winter months and heating of the clubhouse pool. Will be added to the agenda for the annual meeting for the owners to vote on the subject.

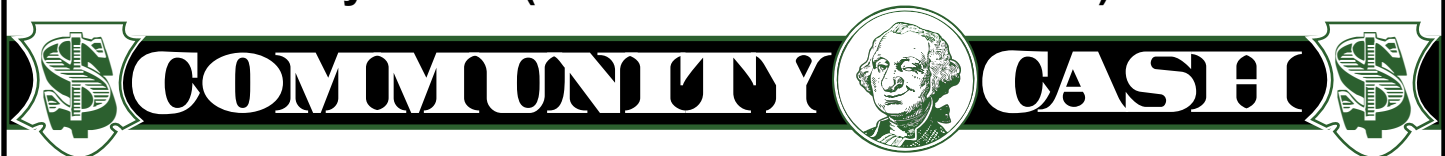
7) Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

8) Open Forum with owners and board until 8:25 pm

*Thank you
Judy*



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Drawing Date -1/22/13

Gardens Residents and Guests Are Invited

To a Potluck Dinner

Saturday, January 23, 2016
5:30 PM at the Clubhouse



*Entry fee per couple (or single) is a
favorite dish that will serve 6 people
plus*

*2 non-perishable Items for the Charlotte
County Food Pantry*

No entry fee for Children 10 or Under

This is a non-profit event sponsored by the
Garden & Beautification Committee.
coffee, tea, water and paper goods supplied

For More Info Call:

Carolyn Streif 941-204-0501

or

Janet Anderson 941-623-9116

FRIENDS OUT AND ABOUT

Luncheon

Wednesday January 27th

1:00PM

**The Olde World Restaurant
14415 S. Tamiami Trail
North Port**



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

**PLEASE RSVP
By Monday January 25
To Herman 941 697-0424**

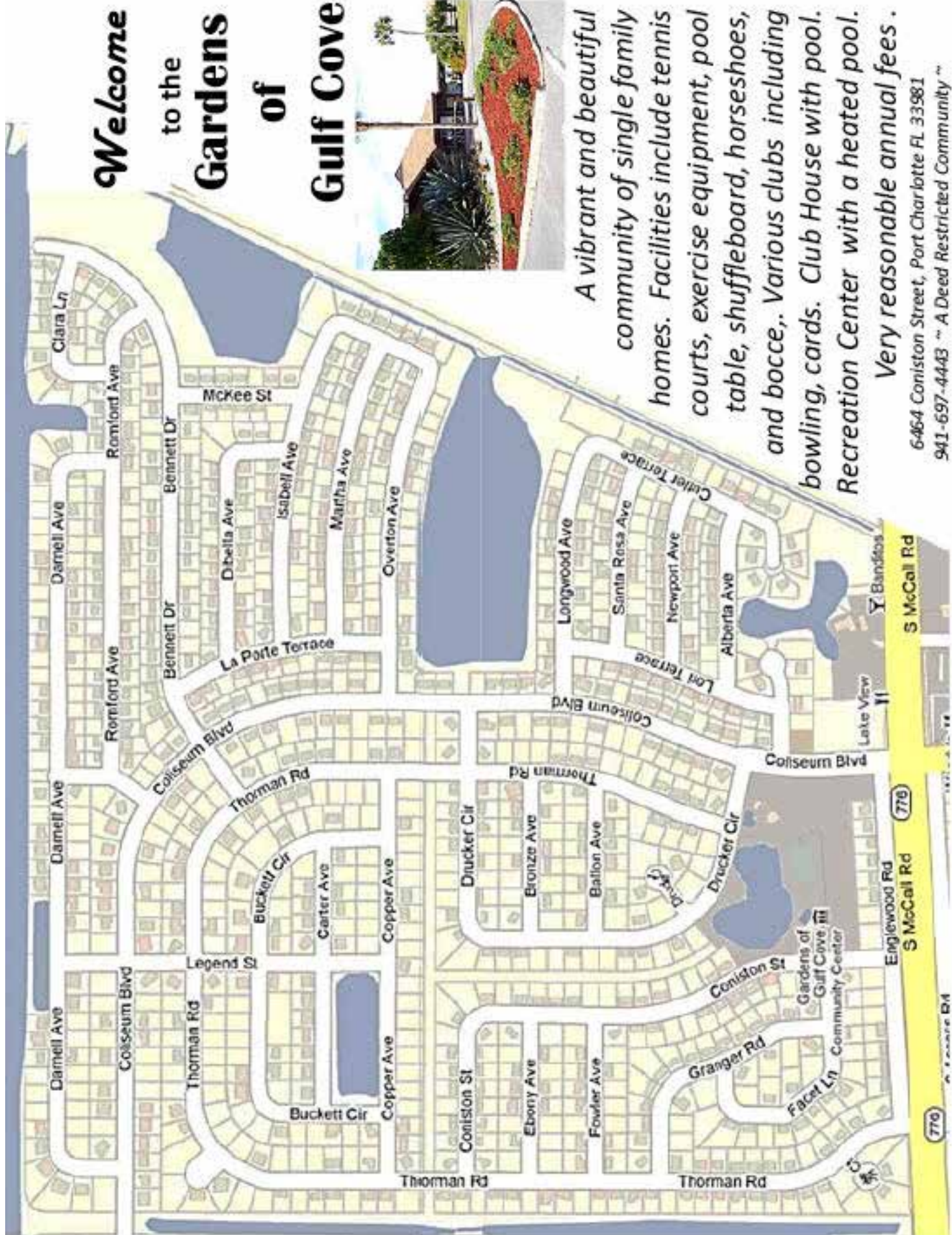
**Directions - Rt 41 North from Toledo Blade take RH exit right
after Lowes in North Port and restaurant is on side road on
the right**

Welcome to the **Gardens of Gulf Cove**



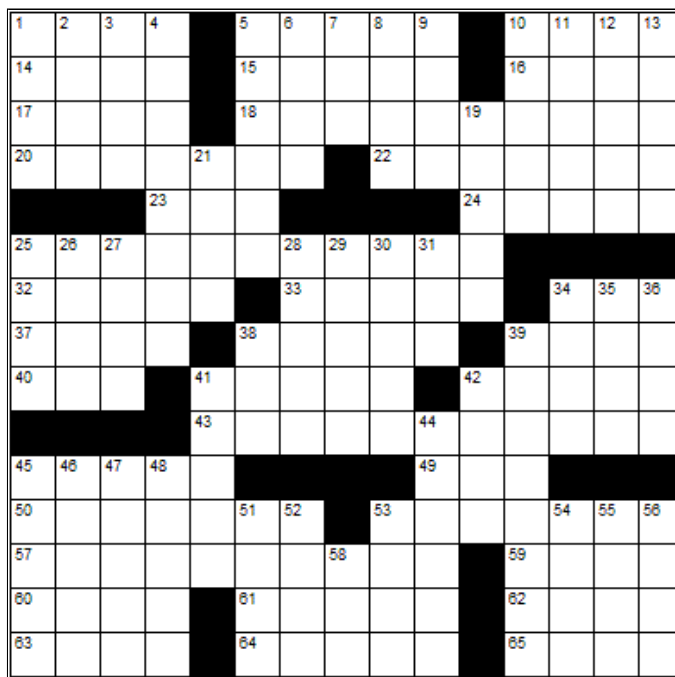
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ACROSS

1. Whirl
5. Speedy
10. Long ago
14. Killer whale
15. Genus of heath
16. Countertenor
17. Bad end
18. He eats no meat
20. Memory loss
22. Be out of line with
23. Downwind
24. S S S S
25. Insurance firm
32. Composure
33. Watchful
34. Belief
37. Poems
38. All excited
39. Alone
40. Mesh
41. Communion table
42. Toward the outside
43. Spontaneous abortion
45. Fish broth
49. An Old Testament king
50. Creative persons
53. Extreme nervousness
57. Conversion
59. Bright thought
60. Legal wrong
61. Specialty
62. 1/100th of a dollar
63. Is indebted to
64. Inclination
65. Initial wager



DOWN

1. Fizzy drink
2. A formal high school dance
3. Computer symbol
4. Unidentified
5. Examine again
6. District
7. Hog
8. Frozen
9. A romantic meeting
10. City in France
11. Assumed name
12. Condition
13. Notes
19. Stave off
21. Arid
25. Atop
26. Connecting point
27. Weight loss plan
28. Flat floating vessels
29. Of a pelvic bone
30. Latin name for our planet
31. Before, poetically
34. Greek letter
35. Smelting waste
36. Style
38. Former boxing champ
39. Painful disorder of the hip
41. Awry
42. At one time (archaic)
44. Showered
45. Philippine tribal chief
46. Shot from a bow
47. Look at with fixed eyes
48. Suggestions
51. Hue
52. Blend
53. One of the 4 gospels
54. Biblical garden
55. Lease
56. Satisfy
58. Frozen water

January Crossword



January Sudoku

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	8		6			1		
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2	4	3	5	7	1	8	9	6
1	9	7	8	6	2	3	5	4
8	5	1	3	9	4	6	7	2
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~ January 2016 ~						
◀ Dec 2015		Feb 2016 ▶				
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