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Enjoy The Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days Of
Summer As We Try To Find Our New Normal

Keep Smiling Cool Runnings

Pat Bourquin

Check out the **GHC**
Hurricane Preparedness information
on the GHC website: Newsflash

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Please view event pictures on our GHC Website: www.gulpharborscondos.com

Send event pictures that you want posted on the website to: ghc.webmaster2018@gmail.com

Please call if you want to host events this summer/fall season. Bill Bourquin: 440-465-5394 OR ghc.recreation@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: 2020-2021 GHC Recreation Calendar of Events

November:

14 Veterans Day Steak Fry (Beckford)

December:

6 Decorate CH1 (Kinnander)

20 Christmas Gathering (Fudge & Wilson)

January:

3 Un-Decorate CH1 (Kinnander)

7 Recreation Committee Meeting 1:00

16 January Dance (Simerson+)

23 Pancake Breakfast (Bourquin, Olan)

28 Juliet Luncheon (Figliuolo)

31 Meet Your Neighbor (Rec. Com., Wilson+)

February:

4 Recreation Committee Meeting *10:00

6 Karaoke (Watson+)

16 Fat Tuesday Party (Smith+)

22 Card Party ***** **Need a chairperson to hold this event**

25 Juliet Luncheon (Figliuolo)

28 TGIF/Kitchen Party

March:

4 Recreation Committee Meeting 1:00

6 Yard Sale (Murray+)

13 March Dance (Fudge+)

14 Show Palace - Mama Mia! (Cacciola)

20 Pancake Breakfast (Bourquin, Olan)

25 Juliet Luncheon (Figliuolo)

26 TGIF (Fudge+)

27 Bocce Game Day (Bourquin, Wilson)

April:

1 Recreation Committee Meeting 1:00

9 Fiesta Friday (Antle+)

ACTIVITY AND EVENT NOTES

BOOK CLUB: Third Thursday 1:00 p.m. GHC Library January: we will review our books from March 2020: No Time for Good-Bye by Linwood Barclay and The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek, Kim Richardson. **As a note, if you have time, read The Giver of Stars by JoJo Moyes. Both the Bookwoman and Giver of Stars deal with the same topic as an interesting comparison New reads for January/February: The Things We Cannot Say by Kelly Rimmer and The Dutch House by Ann Patchett.

Show Palace: Sunday March 14, 2121. Looking forward to enjoying the play “Kinky Boots”. Details to follow.

THANK YOU

Nothing to share this month.

MEMORIUM

Our thoughts and prayers are with Elizabeth Quick and her family as we mourn the passing of her husband George. He had a smile and a joke for everyone he met. He enjoyed life and will be missed.

We are all thinking of Pam Griffin and the loss of her husband Dan, who passed away this week. Dan was known by many at GHC, for his number of years of serving as a CPO. RIP Dan.

NEW OWNERS

Twr 1-305	Kelly Lyons formerly owned by Diane & Thomas Egan
Twr 6- 102	Christopher Such Plain Field, IN formerly owned By Mary Calloe
V12-105	Daryl J & Brenda Kay Sullivan Deer Park, OH formerly owned Jill Duvall

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

*** **NOTE:** watch the Bulletin Boards for any changes or Special meeting dates.
ALL Residents are encouraged to attend – on ZOOM

SCHEDULED BOARD Meetings – on ZOOM

SUMMER BOARD MEETING THURSDAY AUGUST 20 – 9:00 AM ET

WORK SESSION Thursday SEPTEMBER 10 – 9:00 AM ET

BOARD MEETING Thursday SEPTEMBER 24 – 9:00 AM ET

And - Check out the **Owners Only Site** for:

- Project Updates – from Infrastructure Committee Chair – Ed Short
- Committee Chairs and the Committee Members
- Updated Amendments (Per Annual Members Meeting 2020 Vote)
- Last Approved Meeting Minutes... And more

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INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:

Please see last page for new way to alert the office about maintenance issues, or a report you need to make so a work order can be created and completed.

SECURITY COMMITTEE:

To further improve Security for our GHC Residents our Security Committee brainstormed on ways to accomplish that. Noise & Light are deterrents for crime. The idea we chose to pursue is to find dark areas on our grounds, order solar motion control lights, & install them in those areas. We were able to find an eight pack of bionic lights at a reasonable price. These lights are motion controlled, solar powered, & project a good source of light. Our GHC CPOs have surveyed the grounds & identified areas that are not well lit. These lights will be mounted in the near future.

OWNERS ONLY WEBSITE

Complete the Form - Web Access Authorization Sign-Up Form

Drop it in the mail-slot or email it to the office at gcondominium3@tampabayrr.com

The **signed form and email address** you want to use, **are required for Private site access**

Note – **AFTER** you send in your form, Please, **ACCESS the Website** - to be authorized.

GO TO: www.gulfhARBORScondos.com and Press the green **Owners Only Site** button and see;
New to this site? Click "Sign Up" (not **Log In**)

Enter the **email address you included on your form** and create your **own password**.

Your Request will then be verified against your completed / signed form **on file** and you will be approved to access the **Owners Only Site** private section of our website.

SPECTRUM BULK TV SERVICE !

PLEASE CHECK your Spectrum bill and ensure you have **one free TV Box**, to watch your television.
A TV Box is required for each TV, to receive Spectrum TV Channels.

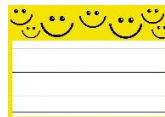
For any issues: Call Spectrum at **1-833-697-7328** – for the Bulk TV Call Centre.

Give your GHC civic address!

Our GHC addresses are entered into their system, identified as part of the **Bulk TV Service** program.

Bulk TV service: You are entitled to one TV Box & Spectrum Packages: *Spectrum TV Basic, TV Select and TV Bronze*. (TV Bronze is **Spectrum Digital Tier 1**. It's the Silver package on their website, without the Movie channels). Additional TV boxes are an additional cost to you as well as other Channels, movies etc.

Internet & Phone rates may change at any time. Exception is our Bulk TV rate on Contract.



CAM MESSAGE

HURRICANE GUIDE - Routine Preparation for Gulf Harbors Residents

As we go into hurricane season, here are some tips for keeping you and your condos safe:

Update your **contact information**. Unit owners and residents should make sure that the Association has your current phone number and email address.

Any residents who require assistance in the event of an evacuation should **reach out to a trusted neighbor, local family, or sign up for emergency aid**.

Please SEE www.gulfhARBORScondos.com **Newsflash - Hurricane Preparedness Plan for GHC Residents**

All unit owners should have homeowners' insurance (generally called an HO6 policy) for their condominium. As per Florida Statutes, Chapter 718.111(11)(f), in the event of a casualty to the condominium property, unit owners are responsible for repairing or replacing the following items:

- All personal property (furniture, decorations, clothing, etc.)
- Floor, wall and ceiling coverings
- Electrical Fixtures
- Appliances
- Water heaters
- Water filters
- Air Conditioner units
- Built-in cabinets and countertops
- Window treatments including curtains, drapes, blinds, hardware

Think about what it means if you do not have condominium insurance (H06)

If a hurricane were to destroy our community (total loss), the Association's insurance would rebuild the building and your unit. However, the unit would have only sub-flooring (no carpet, tile or wood floors); It would have no electrical fixtures; no cabinets, countertops or sinks; and no water heater or other appliances. Without insurance coverage, replacing these items can require a major out-of-pocket expenditure for unit owners. It is worthwhile to photograph all of the personal property within your unit including built-ins.

In anticipation of a major storm and potential evacuation, ***assemble a survival kit and keep it in your home in a place where it is easily accessible***. The survival kit should include, at a minimum, 3-day fresh water supply, batteries, canned goods, proper identification, important documentation (e.g.: birth certificates, social security cards, insurance policies), proof of ownership of your condominium (possibly necessary to get back onto the condominium property after a severe storm where major damage was sustained), cash, and medications. Be sure to put all paper documents in waterproof containers or zip-lock bags.

Familiarize yourself with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA'S) assistance programs.

Volunteer to Aid the Association! Before an impending hurricane, the Board of Directors will hold an emergency meeting to discuss storm protocol. Please make an effort to attend and sign up to help prepare our community.

Resident "To Do" List – see also GHC Hurricane Prep doc for more details:

Clear balconies, walkways and entries. Move all **personal property into your unit** when the winds reach 50 mph or more. If you have returned to your northern location, please call your neighbor to **remove anything that can become a projectile**.

Designate a "Safe Room" in your unit that provides the most shelter from the storm, typically an interior room with no windows.

Keep the radio or TV tuned to emergency frequencies, the local news, or the weather channel for regular updates. Ideally have a battery-operated or solar-powered radio in case power is lost.

Residents should know their community's evacuation zone, where they will go IF an evacuation is mandated

and the location of the nearest shelters.

Charge cell phones and laptops and consider purchasing backup batteries for these devices as well as flashlights, radios, etc.

Keep your vehicle's gas tank full and check tire pressure way in advance of a storm. Lines at gas stations just get longer as the storm approaches.

Store drinking water in large containers or in the bathtub (after thoroughly washing, bleaching and sealing it). Also store water for washing, cleaning and flushing toilets. Water from the tap may not be safe to drink for some time after the storm.

Set freezer and refrigerator to their coldest settings to protect food for as long as possible in the event of a power loss. Have several days' worth of food on hand that does not require refrigeration.

Move valuable items away from windows and doors. Keep a supply of towels on hand to absorb any water that enters during the storm.

If you have storm shutters, confirm in advance that they are functioning. If you do not have either storm shutters or high-impact windows, you may want to put tape on your windows. This does NOT keep them from breaking; it only minimizes the shattering of glass. If you decide to do this, use **PAINTER'S BLUE TAPE**. It is easier to remove than duct or masking tape that will leave adhesive residue. All tape and tape residue must be removed within two weeks after the end of the storm.

After an Evacuation Order

Check local evacuation routes to determine which is the best option and leave as quickly as possible. Traffic becomes heavier as the storm gets closer.

- Remove anything in your refrigerator and freezer that could deteriorate during an extended power loss. Make sure that refrigerators and freezers are clean; small bits of food can cause serious odors if left in a hot, enclosed appliance.
- Unplug electronic devices and small appliances and move them away from the floor (in case of flooding).
- Shut off the unit's main water source.
- Turn off the electricity **IN THE BREAKER PANEL** prior to leaving.

FUTURE Consideration: Impact windows are recommended. If you decide to make this investment, you must notify the Gulf Harbors Office and complete the application for Association approval.

Message from the Community Patrol Security Committee

"PLEASE contact Police if you see something suspicious."

EMERGENCIES call 911 NON-Emergencies call 727-847-8102 Press 7.

If you are interested participating in our **Community/Neighborhood Watch program**, please call Kathy Manware 727-232-2585 or Bob Perry 937-902-1083.

Safety of our community is taken very seriously & we need those willing to

“SEE something & SAY something”.

Always - Call the **Police first** and then call **Community Patrol!**

THINGS TO KNOW AT GHC

****PARKING:** There are “Temporary Parking” spots marked for one hour and emergency parking.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK YOUR vehicle ACROSS the sidewalk. Our Residents who use Walkers, Wheelchairs AND Scooters for mobility - need the sidewalk. “Thank you!”

****SLOW DOWN** ON OUR STREETS AND in our PARKING AREAS!!

****ALARM:** There is a Defibrillator at CH1. ALARM SOUNDS-CALL OFFICE.

****RECYCLING:** CANS are **NO LONGER** able to be recycled.
Please put cans in your regular garbage.

PAPER Recycle: BREAKDOWN All Boxes before throwing them into the bin, to make room.

This is for ALL 537 Units to share so there is limited space. The BIN is emptied twice a month, and we pay for that. PLEASE DO NOT leave cardboard next to the BIN as that attracts animals.

BIN is located at SIDE PARKING LOT of CH3

****WATER CONSERVATION:** PLEASE - Repair leaky faucets and toilets...HELP Lower OUR water bills!

****VEHICLE WASHING:** **Fridays Only.** Use carport and open parking areas. Do not wash cars at the Clubhouses or near the pools.



****RESIDENTS SUNSHINE REPORT:** If you know of anyone who has been ill or has passed away, please notify Denise @ 630-251-7337 or call the office.

****SUGGESTION BOX:** Located inside CH1. Put questions/complaints/suggestions in the box. All entries are read by the Board. The signed ones will be acknowledged. Keep your ideas coming!

****Wi-Fi:** At CH1 and CH3 is FREE to *SPECTRUM* Customers – email and password are needed to log on.

****ATTENTION SMOKERS:** Use ‘Smokers Outpost Stands’ located outside CH#1. Don’t Litter!

****GRILL CLEANING:** Grill cleaning materials for grills at Pool 2, available for check-out in the office.

****Card Table and Chairs are available for residents to use.** The tables and chairs are in the office. A refundable deposit of \$10 for a table and \$10 for 4 chairs.

AVAILABLE TO BORROW: Baby stroller, high chair, playpen & baby bed in a bag. Contact Denise at 630-251-7337.

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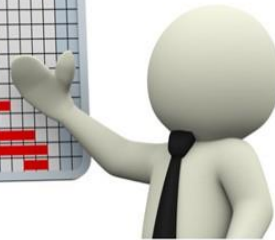
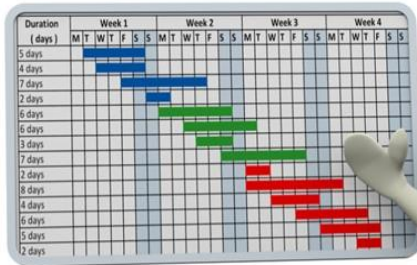
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Message from the Building/Infrastructure Committee



Attention Gulf Harbors Residents!

If you see something broken, out of order, in general disrepair or potentially dangerous to the residents around our complex, please send a description of the problem in an email to the CAM at ghc.condomanager@gmail.com or the Chairman of the Building/Infrastructure Committee at ghc.eshort@gmail.com and we'll get it on our list of outstanding items to address, repair and/or fix.

Together, we can work to get and keep Gulf Harbors in tip top shape!