

Gardens of Gulf Cove Garden Spot Newsletter

October 2014

Fellow Members of the Gardens of Gulf Cove,

Over the past three years (2012, 2013, 2014) the annual property owner's assessment has been held steady at \$302.50. During this stretch, the Board relied upon strong budget management by the CAM and the staff, two special assessments for major projects and on a steadily increasing tide of funds coming from strong work by our lawyers and staff to collect past due assessments and fines. As the Board presents the 2015 budget adopted on September 10th, we are faced with the necessity of raising the annual assessment to meet specific challenges in our community.

Over the past three years our management team and the law firm have returned to us \$216,836.00 in past due assessments and reduced our in arrears account to less than \$76,000. These collections of in arrears debts enabled us to meet the challenges of significant deferred maintenance problems and the ongoing challenges of very old systems and buildings without seeking substantial increases in the annual assessment. Please note, if the Board had raised the annual assessment by 10% each of the past three years as allowed by our governing documents, the annual assessment for 2015 would be \$402.63!

These back fees and fines accounts are no longer available as we have whittled down the delinquent property list in the Gardens and because the law on recapturing obligations from property owned by banks has been redefined by the courts and now operate against us in substantial ways. We do anticipate that there will be some more sales in the community but the funds coming to us in those sales will be quite small.

Alternative resources are no longer reliable and we present to you a budget for 2015 that includes projects that we believe are absolutely necessary to move the Gardens of Gulf Cove into the future on firm financial ground. The assessment to meet these challenges will provide a tight budget but one that can be managed with the same diligence that the staff and Board have demonstrated in the past several years. The Board of Directors strongly encourages your support of the assessment increase of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) to provide financial stability for the Gardens of Gulf Cove Property Owners Association into the immediate future. The proposed annual assessment will be \$357.50.

We thank you for your ongoing support of the Gardens of Gulf Cove community.

Respectfully submitted,

Iohn W. Anderson President of the Board Gardens of Gulf Cove Property Owners Association





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 website: www.thegardensofgulfcove.com

- Club House office hours: Mon thru Fri from 9:00 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 1/2 hour before sunset,
 7 days a week (weather permitting)

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

Management Team

Greg SmythLicensed Community Association Manager **Stacey Andersen**Assistant Manager

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From: Community Media

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.

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

October 2014

Englewood, Florida, USA

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Daylight Saving/Summer Time is in effect for the entire month.

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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 Water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org 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 1st-September 30th?

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

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 1st to September 30th (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 http://charlotte.ifas.edu/horticulture/hort-fertilizer1.htm.

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.

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.

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Gardens of Gulf Cove Property Owners Association, Inc.

~ A Deed Restricted Community ~

** 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 September 10, 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, Martha Vanderbilt and Sandy Withrow; present via teleconference: John Arbogast & Fred Streif; not present: Charles Petit. 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. Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as amended of the Regular Meeting of 8/13/2014 made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by H.Dahl. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to accept the minutes of the Agenda Workshop of 9/08/2014 made by L.Breen, seconded by J.Arlinghaus. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. <u>Correspondence</u>: Mrs. Balan & various emails.
- **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. Bowling: Report given by L.Breen, Chairperson.
 - iii. Friends Out & About: Report given by Helen Dahl.
 - iv. Garden & Beautification: Report given by Janet Anderson, Chairperson.
 - v. Shuffleboard: Bob Whitney, Chairperson, not present, no report.
 - vi. Tennis: Report given by Jack Kyle, Chairperson.
 - c) Covenants & Restrictions:
 - i. Compliance Committee: The Compliance Officer continues to send out violation letters and fining notices.
 - ii. Fining Committee: Hearings are held the first Saturday of each month. Fining recommendations are found under New Business.
 - d) Maintenance Committee: no report.

11. Old Business:

a) Cutler lots & Charlotte County Utilities correspondence. Motion to direct attorney to start discussions with the county attorney to recoup property taxes on a lot requiring easement for existing water & sewer lines made by H.Dahl, seconded by J.Arlinghaus. Those in favor: J.Anderson, J.Arbogast, J.Arlinghaus, L.Breen, H.Dahl, F.Streif, and S.Withrow; opposed: M.Vanderbilt. Motion carried.

12. New Business:

a) 2015 Budget:

Recess: 8:24pm Reconvene: 8:37pm

- a) 2015 Budget (continued): Motion to accept budget increase of \$55 made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by S.Withrow. Those in favor: J.Anderson, J.Arbogast, J.Arlinghaus, F.Streif, M.Vanderbilt, and S.Withrow; opposed: L.Breen, H.Dahl and M.Vanderbilt. Motion carried.
- Suspension of Rights for delinquent accounts: Motion to suspend rights of delinquent properties presented made by L.Breen, seconded by H.Dahl. Those in favor: J.Anderson, J.Arbogast, L.Breen, H.Dahl, F.Streif, and S.Withrow; opposed: M.Vanderbilt.
- c) <u>Fining Hearing/Committee recommendations</u>: Motion to accept Fining Committee recommendations from the September Fining Hearings made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by H.Dahl. Motion carried unanimously.
- d) <u>Fining Committee appointment</u>: Motion to appoint D.Platt to the Fining Committee made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by L.Breen. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13. <u>Adjournment</u>: Motion to adjourn at 8:56p.m. made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by H.Dahl. Motion carried unanimously.

The next Agenda workshop will be held on Monday, October 6, 2014, 7pm. The next Board of Director's meeting and a Special Meeting of the Membership will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 7pm. All meetings are held at the Club House, 6464 Coniston St.

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FRIENDS OUT AND ABOUT

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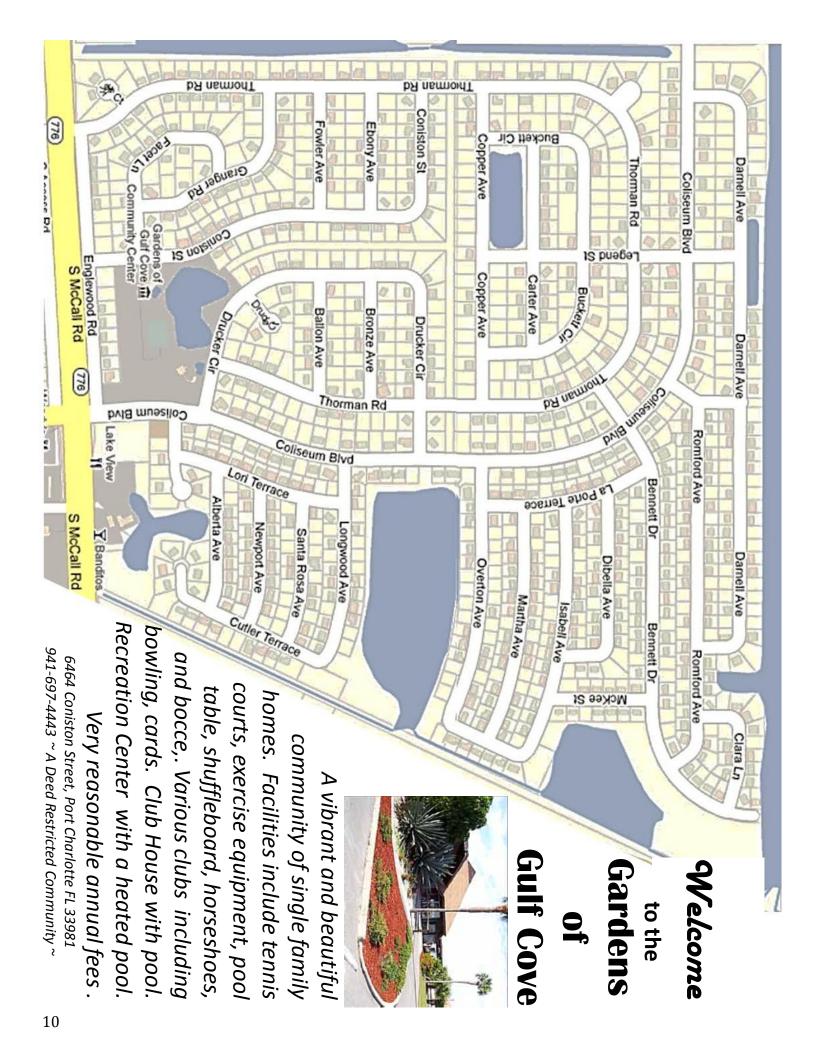


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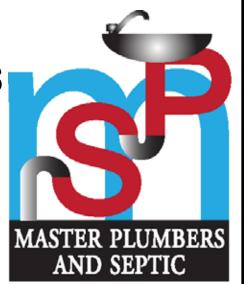
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