

### **PRESIDENTS LETTER**

My Fellow Property Owners in the Gardens of Gulf Cove,

The Board of Directors have submitted for your consideration several individual items that owners have expressed concerns about and the majority of the Board consider important to the future financial and management stability of our community. We ask your support by ballot of each proposal from the creation of special accounts to the management of pets in rental property. First we seek your approval to carry funds from 2015 to the 2016 budget. We have over the last

First we seek your approval to carry funds from 2015 to the 2016 budget. We have over the last four years been the beneficiaries of a resurgent housing market and have collected rather substantial amounts for liens and fees related to titles. These funds, as you know, have allowed us to complete several major projects in our community. In the past the Board has moved these funds by simply advising you of the amount carried forward as a part of the annual budget. Our auditors and the Association Manager have advised us that it is the Association that should act to implement that process at the annual meeting each year. This authorization from you is to avoid adverse income tax consequences.

The issue of pets was a difficult decision for the Board members because so many of us have pets and or grew up with a special pet. Unfortunately, we have encountered several non-owners who neglect to comply with the rules and regulations governing pets in our community. Indeed, I would guess that well over 90 percent of the complaints we receive in our offices and in conversations with you focus on issues from homes that are being rented. Everything from improper care of the pet's waste to letting the pet run free of restraint come from the improper management of the pet by renters. The majority of the Board encourages your support as well for the change to the By -Laws that

The majority of the Board encourages your support as well for the change to the By -Laws that will allow the Board of Directors to amend them without submitting non-property or owner rights changes to a vote of the Association but by sending notice of a Board meeting at which the change will be discussed and voted on. Did you know, for example, that there is in the By- Laws, not the Covenants and Declarations, a provision that the Board of Directors will always be composed of 9 members? In reality we should have a smaller Board of Directors, five is a great size for any board in a community our size to facilitate more efficient management of your interests. I want to encourage your support of this amendment to enable us to be more efficient and more responsive to the needs of our Association. I assure you this change will not affect the status of owner rights as specified in our documents as those issues must always come to the GGC Property Owners Association annual meeting for decision.

Your annual meeting is one of the most important events in the community every year because it is the where the will of the Property Owners is heard and where the Board of Directors gets its charge for the year ahead. If you cannot come to the meeting, please take care to send in the ballots in your packet to guide your Board.

See you at the Annual Meeting of the GGCPOA March 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Club House.

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** 941-697-4443 Club House 941-698-9274 facsimile **Coliseum Office** 941-697-1211 Rec Center email: gardensofgulfcove@gmail.com website: www.thegardensofgulfcove.com • Pool Hours: March -8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

> April -8:30 a.m.-6:00 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.

> > Management Team

Jack Sheehan ......Licensed Community Association Manager

#### MARCH 2015 - March 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**President:** 2017 term exp. John "Jack" Anderson jackclss402@aol.com 941-623-9116

Vice President: Lucille Breen 2016 term exp. breenb1@centurylink.net 941-697-3809

**Treasurer:** Herman Dahl hhdahl@sbcglobal.net 2016 term exp. 941-697-0424

Secretary: 2016 term exp. John "Jack" Arlinghaus jdarlinghaus@yahoo.com

**Director:** 2018 term exp.

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**Greg Smyth** 

**Fred Streif** 2017 term exp. fstreif@gctel.com

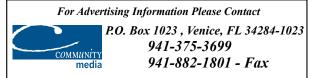
> Martha Vanderbilt 941-697-1430

Director 2017 term exp.

2018 term exp.

**Rav Forshee** mforshee2@gmail.com 732-323-8336

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### 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  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  hours) cost \$5.00.

### **Garden Club Dates** for 2016



Reserve the following dates on your 2016 calendar: Saturday, March 19, 2016 Pizza Party 5:30pm

### **Aquacise Class**

Come and join the fun every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11:00 a.m.



## **ANNUAL BOARD** MEETING

MARCH 15, 2016 7:00 p.m. at the Club House (6464 Coniston)

### **Pool Hours**

- March 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- April 8:30 a.m 6:00 p.m.



### **Street Lights**

Is your street to dark? To request street lights in Charlotte County contact Sherri Ouimet Florida Power and Light (941) 575-3626

## **Recreation Building** Hours

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

## **2016 Regular Board Meeting Schedule**

#### 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse

- Monday, March 7, 2016 Board Meeting
- Wednesday, March 9, 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
- 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

# 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.

# **Arts and Craft**

Arts and crafts meets each Thursday 9:00 a.m. -12:00 at the Clubhouse. Please join us to work on your favorite art or crafts or to come watch and learn, we have a lot of talent to share, hope to see you there.

### Website

Visit our website for updated information and forms.

http://www.thegardensofgulfcove.com/



Gardens of Gulf Cove POA

# **Garden Beautification Committee**

This is a typical gathering of members of the Garden Beautification Committee after a morning in the beds of the Gardens of Gulf Cove.

From left to Right: Ray Forshee, Carolyn Streif, Janet Anderson, Fred Streif, Jim Wilson "Curly", Linda Wilson, Barb Borseth, Jann Norberg.



# **Running for the Board of Directors**



## We're Having What Kind of Meeting?

What's the difference in a board meeting and a special meeting, or an annual meeting and a party? Confused? Here's some clarification.

#### **Annual Meetings**

Annual meetings—or annual meetings of the members—are required by our governing documents, which specify when they're to be conducted and how and when members are to be notified about the meeting. This is the main meeting of the year when members elect a board, hear committee reports, vote on amendments to the governing documents and on material modifications and discuss items of common interest to the association and its members.

#### **Special Meetings**

Special meetings are limited to a particular topic. The board or owners can call a special meeting at any time, and they must notify all members in advance. The notice will specify the topic so interested members can attend. Special meetings give the board an opportunity to explore sensitive or controversial matters—perhaps an assessment increase. Members do not participate in the meeting, unless asked directly by a board member, but they have a right to listen to the board discussion.

#### **Board Meetings**

Most of the business of the association is conducted at regular board meetings. Board members set policy, oversee the manager's work, review operations, resolve disputes, talk to residents and plan for the future. Often the health and harmony of an entire community is directly linked to how constructive these meetings are.

#### **Executive Session**

The governing documents require the association to notify you in advance of all meetings, and you're welcome—in fact, encouraged—to attend and listen. The only time you can't listen is when the board goes into executive session. Topics that the board can discuss in executive session are limited by law to a narrow range of sensitive topics such as pending litigation or employee disputes. Executive sessions keep only the discussion private; no votes can be taken. The board must adjourn the executive session and resume the open session before voting on the issue. In this way, members may hear the outcome, but not the private details.

#### Parties

Occasionally the association notifies residents of a meeting at which absolutely no business is to be conducted. Generally, these meetings include food and music, and they tend to be the best attended meetings the association has. Oh, wait! That's a party, not a meeting. Well, it depends on your definition of meeting.

### **Building community at Gardens of Gulf Cove**

Who Lives in Our Community?

Understandingandappreciatingthegenerational values of your neighbors contributes to a strong, vibrant and pleasant community. The Gardens of Gulf Cove is a large community with many generations living here. As we discuss ways for the board to develop activities in the community, the answer is not that straight forward, Gardens of Gulf Cove is multi-generational. Consider a few broad groups:

**Matures**: The Matures were born between 1920 and 1945. They're the last of the veterans of the World and Korean Wars, and are also called the "Silent Generation." They're about sacrifice. They survived the Great Depression, and they still reuse aluminum foil and paper bags. Their heroes were military figures. They believe that a rule is a rule. They feel that change is good, as long as it's the type of change they've envisioned. The Matures defined the world in which we live for many years, but they now have to give way to the Baby Boomers.

**Baby Boomers: My generation** - Baby Boomers were born between 1945 and 1964. Approximately 77 million in number, they're workaholics who believe in teamwork, democracy, and loyalty. They don't necessarily see the need to follow rules. Baby Boomers value the concept of "built to last." They invented the idea of "meaningful work," and the workplace continues to be a part of their selfidentity. Baby Boomers will occupy the White House until approximately 2030.

**Generation X**: Generation X'ers were born between 1965 and 1977. Numbering about 44 million, this group was raised in an environment in which both parents worked. They question their parents' values, and they believe that jobs and housing are disposable. They place greater value on family and personal life than the Baby Boomers do, and they feel that a balanced life is more important than professional accomplishments.

**Generation Y**: Generation Y's were born between 1977 and 2000. They comprise approximately 33 percent of the U.S. population, and projections suggest that by the year 2020, those age 33 and younger will number 137 million, or 46 percent of the U.S. population. People in this group have always known the Internet, laptops, and cell phones. It would never occur to them to physically touch a television to change the channel. People born in the U.S. after 1983 have always had a President from the Southern states. South Africa's official policy of apartheid has not existed in their lifetime, cars have always had CD players and air bags, weather reports have alwavs been available 24 hours a day, and genetic testing and DNA screening have always been available. This generation focuses on its individual choices, goals, and the future.

T When it comes to activities for the community, to say the Boomers or the Matures can do all the planning and implementing is easier, most of them are retired and don't work a 40-hour week anymore. However, you short yourself and your generation of activities and the fond memories to fill the pages in your mind . . . Christmas parties, New Year's parties, Easter egg hunts, beach parties, concerts, professional sporting events are all activities typical of an HOA this size. The association can negotiate discounts for volume, bus fares, and discounted group tickets, not to mention the on-site facilities and grounds.

What does this mean? Activities in an HOA the

size of Gardens of Gulf Cove are difficult to plan, particularly when the planners come from one of the generations. The board of directors recognize this as a situation and plan on tackling it in the weeks and months to come. Yes, volunteers will be needed, but for planning, directing and communicating. Largely the work will be done by others who have the time to work on these things. Participate if you can.

Jack Sheehan, Community Association Manager

### PLAY BALL!

#### Hope you will come, information follows

Plans are underway for a spring training baseball game between the Boston Red Sox and the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday, March 30, game time 1:05 pm. Seating will be in the Right Field area and will include a picnic.

Location: Charlotte Sports Park, Port Charlotte Cost of the ticket \$32 per person and includes: Hot Dogs, BBQ Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad, Potato Chips, Cookies, Water and Soda

Parking not included in the price of the ticket.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Lucille Breen at 941-697-3809 or by email <u>breenb1@centurylink.net.</u>

Tickets are limited, don't delay, tickets will be on a first-come basis.





Cheryl Meyer...... \$10 ..... Largo Plumbing Co.

Bill Donnelly ...... \$10 ...... Bill The Carpet Guy

Tony Staudohar...... \$10 ...... Wyngarden Mobile Home Wash

Drawing Date -2/11/16



Limit one ticket per advertiser's service per quarter(3 morth period Customer must have paid for advertiser's service to play • Contest void where prohibited by law • • Checks will be mailed within 60 days of drawing date •

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### FRIENDS

### **OUT AND ABOUT LUNCHEON**

### Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM

### **GULF VIEW GRILL**

### 2095 North Beach Road, Englewood Fl

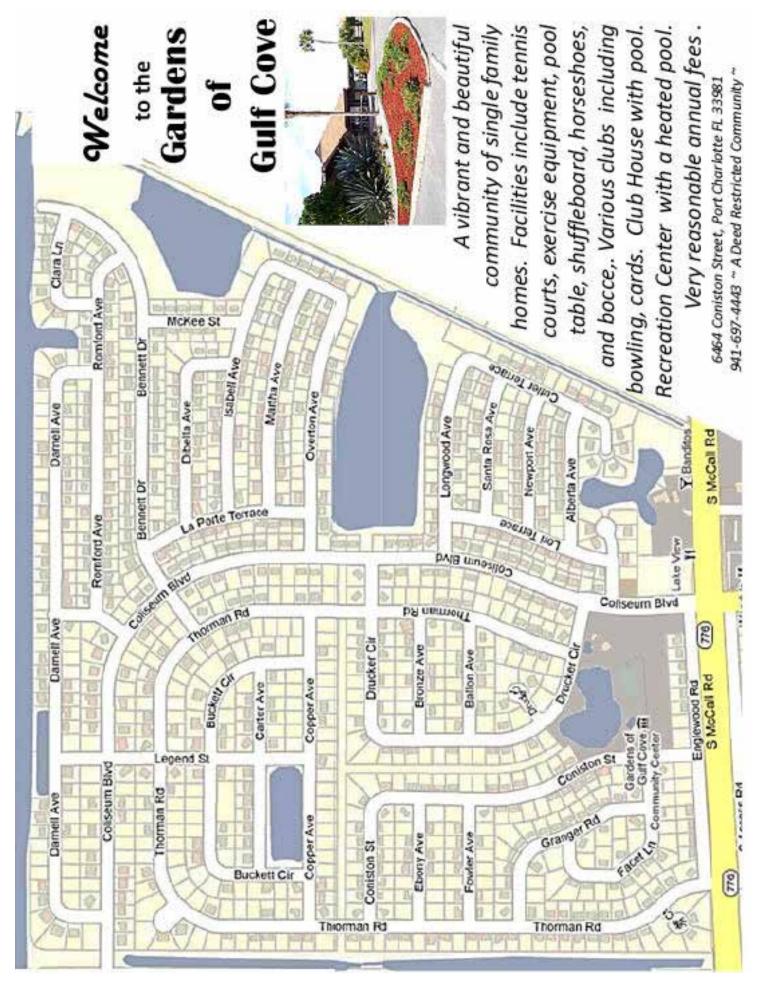


Come join friends and neighbors All residents and guests welcome

Please RSVP by Monday March 28th

To Herman 941 697-0424

Directions - Rt776 west until Beach Road by McDonalds turn left until Englewood Beach. Bear right at Rotary.





**Sponsored By:** 

# **Gardens of Gulf Cove Garden Club**

Menu: Assorted varieties of Pizza and Desserts Includes: Salad, Coffee, Ice and Paper Goods

Date: Saturday, March 19, 2016 Time: 5:30-9:30p.m. Place: GGC Clubhouse Entertainment Bob Pomerleau

B.Y.O.B. & Snacks

### Tickets: \$10.00

- Ralph Filipelli, 941-697-5197
- Herman Dahl
   941-697-0424
- Lucille Breen 941-697-3809
- Janet Anderson 941-623-9116

Prizes and Raffles! Proceeds benefit our community

# March Crossword

#### ACROSS

- 1. A-line line
- 5. Wings
- 9. Ordered by the pope
- 14. Encourage
- 15. Pesters
- 16. Really love
- 17. Protective ditch
- 18. Bypass
- 19. Care giver
- 20. Deserving of the highest esteem
- 22. Adjust
- 23. Stop
- 24. Construct
- 26. American Medical
- Association
- 29. Required
- 33. Ranking above all others
- 38. Seldom
- 39. Biblical garden
- 40. Hindu loincloth
- 42. Lack of difficulty
- 43. A small node
- 45. Registered in a permanent
- form
- 47. An unchanging intonation
- 48. "I knew it!"
- 49. Nab
- 52. Laser printers need this
- 57. Step
- 60. Offensive
- 63. Heathen
- 64. Parisian airport
- 65. Bituminous fuel
- 66. Critical
- 67. Russian emperor
- 68. Largest continent
- 69. Horse
- 70. Protagonist
- 71. Count upon

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#### DOWN

- 21. 500 sheets of paper
- 25. Make wealthy
- 27. Humble
- 28. Residue from a fire
- 30. Not alive
- 31. Alternatively
- 32. Not the original color
- 33. Manage
- 34. Smell

50. Fabric 51. Steed

44. Found out

46. Pledge

- 53. Movie prize
- 54. Hangman's knot
- 55. Electronic messages
- 56. Pass-the-baton race 57. Resorts
- 58. Diplomacy
- 59. Chills and fever
- 61. Winged
- 62. Apprentice



1. Poison plant

2. Chip away at

4 Mixed-blood

5. Dwarf buffalo

6. Young sheep

7. Nimble

9. Cure-all

11. Harbor

12. Backside

13. Lascivious look

3. A type of small lizard

8. Aromatic compound

10. A husband who cheats



35. Start over 36. Express or state clearly

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- 37. Crag
- 41. Orange pekoe or Earl

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