



Safety in Gardens of Gulf Cove

The Board of Directors want Gardens of Gulf Cove to be a safe place for all residents to enjoy. For new-comers and longtime residents alike, a few reminders are necessary for everyone to understand the safety equipment in place.

The Board has made substantial investment in equipment and training on behalf of the residents. As most everyone knows, Southwest Florida is the lightening capital of the world. To help protect you, a Weather Bug early warning system is installed at the clubhouse pool with a repeater at the Rec Center.



When lightening is detected within 10 miles of the property, a long horn blast (similar to a car horn) goes off and a strobe light illuminates at both pools. You must leave the POOL and DECK areas. These outside areas remain closed while the strobes are lit. Once the all-clear is given, (three horn blasts and the strobe lights go out) the pools are then open. Please obey these common-sense safety rules at both pools and leave the pool areas while the pools are closed.

Sometimes it may look clear out but the detection system signals because there is lightning within 10 miles - which causes safety concern. Make sure when using the pool be aware of your surroundings, people enter the pool area and may not be aware the horn had sounded previously. If you see the pool is empty or the weather looks compromised check our weather light to see if it is blinking - which means the pool is closed. If you do not know where the light located ask staff or even a fellow resident may be able to show you where it is located.

Your association maintains two AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator), one in the clubhouse and one in the Rec. Center. Staff members are trained in the use of the units and CPR. These units are fully automatic, and they save lives. If you want to know how to use them let us know.



GARDENS OF GULF COVE POA, INC.

~ A Deed Restricted Community ~

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OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 am – 4:00 pm (Weekdays M-F)

POOL HOURS:

July 8:30 am – 8:00 pm

August 8:30 am – 7:30 pm

September 8:30 am – 7:00 pm

Alligators, Bobcats Coyotes OH MY!

Our subtropical paradise is home to 20 million people, but also to Alligators, Bobcats, Coyotes — and more! It is not uncommon to witness this in the Gardens of Gulf Cove. As more natural habitats are developed, encounters with the wildlife - which were here before us - become even more common. Those who have lived in Florida for years usually treasure sightings of these animals. Unless you provoke them, attacks are incredibly rare.

Alligators are most active from April to June, when mating season begins. During this time, gators can end up in our yards, driveways, and streets. Alligators have been seen in all 7 lakes here in the Gardens. The alligator is Federally protected by the Endangered Species Act as a threatened species. FWC's nuisance Alligator Hotline is 866-392-4286.

Coyote sightings during the day is not cause for alarm, especially in the spring and summer. The Coyote is a member of the dog family with pointed ears, a narrow muzzle, and a bushy tail. Most active during sunrise and sunset. They typically avoid people, but you can instill fear in them by raising your arms and yelling – an effective behavior called *hazing*.

A **Bobcat** sighting during the day is not uncommon because they sleep only 2 to 3 hours at a time. Squirrels, rabbits, ground-dwelling birds and rats are the primary prey species. Bobcats are stealthy animals but typically afraid of people and pose little threat.

Here are a few basic tips experts say we should follow:

- If you see an animal, leave it alone.
- Secure trash cans.
- Don't feed your pets or other wildlife outdoors.
- Clean away fallen fruit, nuts and seeds on your lot.
- Keep pets on a leash or secure confined while outside.
- Be alert while walking, especially near the lakes.
- Carry your cell phone and something that makes noise. Animals will typically run off if you make noise or yell.

To report an aggressive animal in the neighborhood, call Charlotte County Animal Control at 941-833-5690, option #1. Animal Control recognizes there are animals who may pose serious threats if inadequately supervised or controlled by their owners. Animal Control does not discriminate against the breed of any dog, all cases are investigated individually.

Animal Control also responds for injured or sick wildlife and works with local wildlife rescues to ensure sick, injured or orphaned wildlife receive the care needed.

The Gardens of Gulf Cove management office should not be your first phone call. The staff will not come out to capture a loose, aggressive, or wild animal!

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MSBU Upcoming Meeting

A regular Meeting of the Gardens of Gulf Cove **Street & Drainage Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU)** has been scheduled as follows:

Date: July 28, 2021
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Max V Horton West County Annex
6868 San Casa Dr, Rm #120
Englewood, FL 34224

Residents wishing to provide public comment will be allowed to do so, but measures will be in place to limit room capacity and ensure all participants practice safe social distancing. Anyone wishing to address the Advisory Board during this portion of the meeting must state their name for the record. Remarks shall be limited to 3 minutes (max).

The date/time is subject to change. Please check the Charlotte County Website for updates and agenda closer to the meeting. Visit the MSBU on-line: charlottecountyfl.gov/msbu-mstu/gardens-of-gulf-cove

The purpose of the MSBU (Municipal Service Benefit Unit) is to provide for the construction, reconstruction, repair, paving, repaving, hard surfacing, rehard surfacing, widening, guttering and draining of the platted streets in the Gardens of Gulf Cove, including the necessary appurtenances thereto, from funds derived from special assessments within the Unit only. This is what the \$350 non ad-valorem item is about on your Tax Bill.

Advisory Board Members:

Chair: Colleen Carver
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Kimberly Kelley, Community Liaison

Contact: 941-575-3613 or email
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Board Meetings

Check the Association Business Bulletin Board located in the Club House for official notices and meetings. All property owners are encouraged to participate in the governance of your community.

Judy Hollister CAM
Community Association Manager



Gardens of Gulf Cove Website

Please refer to our website www.thegardensofgulfcove.com for information you may need such as governing documents, previous newsletters, meeting minutes, updated pool hours, office hours, announcements, activity calendar, photos of our amenities, contact information and more!

Restaurant Reviews

Hi Friends!

My name is Rachel & I instruct the Make & Taste Cooking Club workshops. I also like planning our club events regarding "FOOD".

Yes, I am a Foodie! Being that, I have decided to share different "New" and some old favorites in a new column called Restaurant Reviews. They will all be LOCAL (Mom & Pop) family-owned places.

Fellow club members accompany me, who I refer to as The Spice Gals. We eat, taste & share our likes & dislikes regarding several food dishes we might order.

I hope you enjoy reading the reviews & even going out yourselves & trying these local restaurants. It helps out in so many ways & keeps our LOCAL ECONOMY STRONG!



Thank You ~

Que-Rico Express / Colombian Flavors

We reviewed & sampled their food dishes on 6/18/21. This is a very pleasant & colorful restaurant. It smelled delicious the moment we walked in. We had the roasted pork salad (excellent) and the mango avocado sliced together appetizer. Very Fresh. We gave this a 4 FORKS UP!! (1-5) 5 being the best. Hope you try

it out: Located in the (near Placida Fish Market). They are closed Monday. Open Tues-Fri 7:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sat/Sun 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.



Compliance Corner Important Reminders!

If you have a Dog ... We have had numerous reports about loose dogs in the community. Do not let your dog out for any amount of time without being restrained.



If you are a seasonal resident and leaving your home this Spring/Summer, be sure to have lot maintenance set up including weeding and trimming! We are happy to provide recommendations if you need any.

If you have Guests that will be using the common facilities, you must register them with the Management office. There is a limit of 2 guests per household unless otherwise approved by management. This rule applies to all amenities as noted in the Common Facility Rules and Regulations adopted and approved by the Board of Directors on 9/16/20.

-Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping to keep the Gardens of Gulf Cove looking beautiful

MONDAYS 8 THURSDAYS
1:00pm at the Rec Center

All residents are welcome!
Practice and Play
Rack 'em Up!

Gardens of Gulf Cove
Recreation Center - 6615 Coliseum Blvd

Aquasize Class

Monday • Wednesday • Friday
10:00^{am} at the Rec Center Pool (Coliseum)



Low Impact Water Aerobics

Build strength with gentle resistance from the water. Hydrostatic pressure of water across the whole body surface offers benefits for balance, coordination, and mobility!



what's cooking

A Make & Taste Experience

For those who love to cook & plan-out cooking activities - and best of all ENJOY eating & sampling new & classic recipes!

Upcoming Make & Taste Cooking Club meetings:
(Wednesday) June 30 - 1:00 pm
(Wednesday) July 28 - 1:00 pm

We'll discuss upcoming Plans for August!



For information or questions, call or text Rachel Johnson 509-389-3581
Gardens of Gulf Cove Clubhouse - 6464 Coniston St



July Word Search



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July Crossword

ACROSS

1. Affair
6. A sharply directional antenna
10. Falafel bread
14. Duck down
15. Black, in poetry
16. Holly
17. Betel palm
18. Parental sister
19. Lass
20. Supervisor
22. Lack of difficulty
23. A sizeable hole
24. Wear away
26. Agree
30. Type of poplar tree
32. Blockage of the intestine
33. Girasol
37. Where two pieces meet
38. Cancel a bid
39. Was indebted
40. Teaser
42. Mix
43. Glowing remnant
44. Fancy
45. Binge
47. Court
48. Knife
49. Access
56. Place
57. A dog wags one
58. Listened to
59. Dash
60. At one time (archaic)
61. Made a mistake
62. Make (one's way)
63. Catches
64. Cowboy sport



DOWN

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|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Accomplishment | 21. Carriage | 41. An uncle |
| 2. Former Italian currency | 25. Record (abbrev.) | 42. Not a sister |
| 3. Midmonth date | 26. A box or chest | 44. Point |
| 4. Make out (slang) | 27. Margarine | 45. Attendance counter |
| 5. Blunt-nosed dolphin | 28. Close | 46. Song of praise |
| 6. It makes dough rise | 29. Waistband | 47. Becomes limp |
| 7. Border | 30. Pergola | 48. Killed |
| 8. Departed | 31. Blend | 50. Defy |
| 9. Fearless | 33. Pot | 51. Fog |
| 10. Cubbyhole | 34. Is indebted to | 52. Relating to aircraft |
| 11. Homeric epic | 35. Knows | 53. An aromatic ointment |
| 12. Breviloquent | 36. Countercurrent | 54. Algonquian Indian |
| 13. Spindle | 38. Unvanquished | 55. Cocoyam |



ABANDONED VEHICLE VIOLATION

Abandoned vehicles are not just an eye sore, they are illegal. In order to keep our neighborhoods clean and free of leaking toxins and to avoid blighted communities, they must be removed.



EXCEPTION:

A single unlicensed vehicle that appears to be operable parked in the driveway of a residence is not a violation.



Per Charlotte County Code, vehicles (or trailers) that are **not licensed** and appear to be **inoperable** and **outside** of a garage or carport for more than 10 (TEN) days **must be removed**.

WHAT IS NOT A VIOLATION



- Multiple operative cars with current plates can be anywhere on a property.
- One unlicensed apparently operative car can be in the driveway
- Licensed or unlicensed inoperable vehicles can be stored in a carport or garage.

WHAT IS A VIOLATION



- ANY unlicensed inoperative vehicle in driveway.
- ANY inoperative vehicle not stored in carport or garage.
- Major car repair on residential property.



Operable Vehicle

must have a license plate with a current registration sticker and appear to be functional. It can be parked anywhere on a property.



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- 3 Mail it back to us at:
**Community Media
220 Bahama Street
Venice, FL 34285**
- 4 Every month we draw new tickets for **CASH PRIZES** and mail winners a check!

\$200

In Cash Prizes Available Monthly

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**1 drawing for \$100
10 drawings for \$10**

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