

Gardens of Gulf Cove

Garden Spot Newsletter

February 2017

Low Impact Aerobics

Low Impact Aerobics (LIA) exercise class, led by Grace Werling, is on Monday's and Friday's @ 9:00 a.m. The classes are held at the Club House on Coniston St. If you have any questions about the class, please call Grace at 860-460-6370

Gardens ladies enjoying their workout.



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Pool Hours - February 8:30 a.m. -5:45 p.m.

Office Hours

Club House (6464 Coniston)

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tues.-Friday

UPCOMING BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE EVENTS FOR 2017

For those who like to plan early, here are the two remaining upcoming events sponsored by the Beautification Committee. These events are at the Gardens' Club House, 6464 Coniston Street, Port Charlotte.

Dinner Dance, Saturday, February 18, see flyers on bulletin boards in Club house and Recreation Center.

Pizza Party, Saturday, March 18, see announcement in this newsletter

The Potluck was on Saturday, January 21, another successful event for our residents.

For more information on these two events, contact Lucille Breen at [941-697-3809](tel:941-697-3809) or by email breenb1@centurylink.net

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Jack SheehanLicensed Community Association Manager

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Tennis

If you would like to join us just show up, all are welcome. They will be meeting as a league the through the first Thursday of April. Non-league playing right now still meets Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. at the tennis courts.



Bowling

Bowling is on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m., its \$12.00 for 3 games. If interested contact Lucille Breen at [941-697-3809](tel:941-697-3809) or by email breenb1@centurylink.net

Billiards

Billiards players are scheduled to play on Monday's at 1:00 p.m. See you on the Billiards Court.

Shuffle Board

Shuffle Board league player's games are starting back Monday & Fridays @ 8:45 a.m. at the Recreation Center.



The Koffee Klatch

The Koffee Klatch always welcomes new members. We meet every Wednesday of the month. The first Wednesday is a luncheon at various neighborhood restaurants at 12:30, the association calendar will display where we meet each month. The second (2nd) through the fourth (4th) Wednesday's we meet at the Clubhouse for coffee and pastries at 10:00 a.m. For further information, contact Joe Russo-697-9696, come join us.

Koffee Klatch Ladies enjoying breakfast together.



Arts and Crafts

The Arts and Crafts will meet on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Come and join us for art or working on your favorite crafts. We look forward to new members and ideas.

Pickleball Players

The first session took place, January 5th, with an enthusiastic group. This big turn-out, more than justified the conversion of one tennis court. For those of you who are not acquainted with this game, come and take a look. Paddles, balls and instruction are available if you want to give it a try.



Until further notice the schedule will be Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. at the tennis courts.

Line Dancing

Guys and Gals get out your dancing shoes and come join us at the Club House (6464 Coniston) Fridays at 11:00 am. -12:00 for Country Line Dance. Doesn't matter if your brand new or experienced you will have a great time.

Horseshoes

If you like to play horseshoes no need for an invite just join us at the pit in front of the Recreation Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

Bocce

Bocce players meet on Tuesday & Thursday's @ 9:30 a.m. All residents are welcome to play and learn the game.

Garden's Memory Garden

Bricks are available for purchase to install in the Garden's Memory Garden. Each brick is either 4"x8" or 8"x8". The 4x8 has 3 lines of text. The 8x8 has 6 lines of text. Each line is a maximum of 20 characters including spaces. You may use less than 20 characters, but no more than 20 per line. Engraved text will be centered on each line of the brick. If you would like to add art/graphics on the brick, you then can only have 2 lines on a 4x8 or 5 lines on an 8x8 brick.

If interested in purchasing a brick, please speak or call Lucille Breen at 941-697-3809 or by email breenb1@centurylink.net

Thank you.

Friends Out and About

Come join friends and neighbors all residents and their guests are welcome. This is a special lunch as the restaurant is not open for lunch and one of regular members has arranged with the Owner to open for us, so it is important that you call and RSVP by Monday Feb. 20th to Herman 941-697-0424 in order to have an accurate count. Please come and enjoy!

LaStanza (Special Lunch Menu)

Chicken Parm w/linguine	\$13.99
Lasagna	\$11.99
Chicken Marsala	\$14.99
Eggplant	\$12.99
Chicken Siciliano	\$14.99
Rollatini w/ linguine	
Grilled Chicken Cesar Salad	\$9.99
Grilled Salmon	\$16.99
w/blackened Basa	\$13.99
Basa Oreganata	\$13.99
Linguine w/meatballs	\$11.99
Crab Stuffed sole	\$14.99
Penne Alla Vodka	\$12.99
Veal Sorrentino	\$16.99
Ribeye Steak	\$16.99

Town Hall Meeting

Saturday February 25th, 2017@ 10:00 a.m.-
Clubhouse (6464 Coniston)

A meeting for owners to have your ideas heard in an open forum with the board president and manager there. This meeting we will be discussing rule development for parking and general questions and answers.

2016 Board Meeting

Clubhouse (6464 Coniston)

- Monday, February 13th - Board Meeting 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 16th -Board Meeting Continuation 6:30 pm

Board meeting minutes



Are available on the associations website www.thegardensofgulfcove.com and on the Association Official Business Bulletin Board located in the Club House.

President's Letter

Governing Documents

By now, each of you should have received a package containing the restated (updated) governing documents: Bylaws, and Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions (Covenants) and Amendment to the Articles. A letter was enclosed explain why they were restated and the key changes. After you looked them over, I encourage you to cast your vote, sign the proxy, and return it to the Association, remember this is your Association.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on March 21, 2017 at the Clubhouse at 6464 Coniston St., Port Charlotte, FL 33981. At that meeting, we will count the votes on the restated governing documents. We will also hold an election for three Directors. Shortly you will receive another mailing that will contain the ballot for the Directors. In case you misplace the first proxy, we will also include a 2nd Proxy to vote on the restated governing documents.

Parking on the Common Property

The sidewalks, the grassy strip between the sidewalks, and the drainage right of ways are owned by the county. In the process or researching and updating the governing documents, it was brought to the Board's attention that while

Charlotte County owns them, they are Association "common property". While the Association is not responsible for maintenance of county owned property, as "common, property" the Board of Directors has the authority to write "rules and regulations" the same as they do for the pools, clubhouse, etc. Also, in the restated Covenants, the Board include the following restriction of the drainage right-of-way's: "*Section 7.15.2 - Parking is not allowed of any vehicle on a vacant Lot or a Drainage Right-of-Ways Roads, unless approved in writing by the Board or its designee, permitted in the rules and regulations or authorized below.*" The Board has appointed a committee to draft Rule and Regulations for parking on the grassy strip between the road and the sidewalk, the sidewalks, and the drainage right-of -ways. They will be discussed at the Board Meeting on February 13th.

Parking Restrictions in the Covenants

As you are aware, there was a lot of controversy over the parking restrictions on a member's property. A primary reason for the controversy was lack of member input. The second was the low threshold required for approval. However, we have heard from members that the existing and proposed parking restrictions need to be cleaned up and simplified. When the Board was working on the new governing documents, we chose not to change them at that time. To correctly determine if changes are needed or what the changes should be, I will hold a Town Hall Meeting on February 25th at 10:00 AM in the clubhouse - members only, renters are not allowed to attend. At the meeting, any member will be allowed to share their thoughts, concerns, ideas on changes or if they like the restrictions the way they are. After that, the Board will consider the input to determine if any changes are needed. As changes are drafted, members will have additional opportunities to provide additional input. Member approval for any changes will be under the new rules (if the restated covenants are approved) that require a majority approval of those voting with at least 30% of all the eligible members voting yes.

Jim Newkirk, President

Gardens of Gulf Cove POA Board of Directors

CAM Corner

Personnel Plan for 2017

To allay the rumors on staffing for 2017, I was asked to give you the plan. There are dramatic changes through the year as we meet the objectives of the Board of Directors in maintenance and management. All changes have been discussed at length in Board of Directors' meetings and approved by the Board in the 2017 budget.

We have been able to complete substantial projects in the Gardens of Gulf Cove this past year.

The single project that is least noticeable but none-the-less significant to residents is collecting past due assessments. This was done in two steps. The first being forcing banks to foreclose the numerous homes that were scattered throughout the neighborhood. Some of these homes sat for ten years and not only cost the association a lot of money but also dragged the entire neighborhood down. These are all completed and foreclosed, some are still for sale but they will all have owners in due time. The next step is collecting from delinquent owners through the court system. We are about 85% complete and expect to have it wrapped up by mid spring.

Easier to notice are more tangible projects, for example renovating the pool baths, installing the accordion storm shutters, resizing the box screens we had previously built, refinishing the pool decks, building the Bocce Ball courts, clearing around the lakes and taking the lawn and landscape internally.

I expect the numerous maintenance, administrative and financial projects to be completed by late spring.

At that time, Jim Young our maintenance person will be leaving Gardens of Gulf Cove to relocate to the east coast of Florida with his family. Jeffry, the landscape person we hired has worked for me previously and held a maintenance position in a condominium complex for several years. He will be assuming some of Jim Young's duties. Trudy Cobb who now works part time for the association will be moved to full time and, in addition to her current maintenance duties will, along with Jeffry, be cutting the grass trimming.

This year Judy was licensed by the State of Florida as a Community Association Manager. By early summer, I will be part time and be available as necessary at the Board's request. I will return in time to start the 2018 budget and stay on through season. Judy will assume the duties of the C.A.M. in my absence.

This personnel plan has been in place for some time, it is flexible and serves the needs of the association as we transition from "catching up" to regular maintenance.

If you have any questions, please feel welcome to ask!

Showering before entering the pool,

IT'S THE LAW, IT'S THE RULE AND IT'S A GOOD IDEA!

When swimmers shower away impurities (and focus on the perianal area) they help reduce the risk of waterborne illnesses, such as diarrhea,

swimmer's ear, pink eye and skin infections. Fecal matter, in particular, contains germs that may be ingested through the nasal passages, eyes, ears or when swimmers swallow contaminated water. Chlorine and other swimming pool disinfectants help protect swimmers from waterborne germs, but germ destruction is not instantaneous, there is a time lag from when the germs are introduced to the water to when the chlorine attaches to it.

Additionally, if chlorine is chemically bound to high levels of impurities in the pool (including atmospheric like the recent pollen attack we had), it may be unavailable to carry out its intended task of destroying germs in the water. Our pools meter chlorine, stabilizing acids and pH balancing acids in the pools 24 hours per day. We test the pools daily in the morning. As the day wears on many variables are working that vary available chlorine of the pool. The variables include bathing load, sunblock, other skin lotions, cosmetics, hair sprays and gels, photo degradation, evaporation and atmospheric.

Let's reduce the Yuk factor and please shower thoroughly before entering the pools.

Thank you,

Jack Sheehan, Certified Pool Operator



Come join us for a great time at our

ANNUAL

PIZZA PARTY



Sponsored By:

Gardens of Gulf Cove Garden Club

Only Residents and their Guests may attend

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

Date: Saturday, March 18, 2017

Time: 5:30-9:30p.m.

Place: GGC Clubhouse

Entertainment by Bob Pomerleau

B.Y.O.B. & Snacks

Tickets: \$10.00

- Lucille Breen 941-697-3809
- Ralph Filippelli, 941-697-5197
- Herman Dahl 941-697-0424

Prizes and Raffles!

Posted: 1/13/2017

Proceeds benefit our community

Until 01/27/2017, tickets may be purchased by property owners and their spouse. After 01/27/2017, Residents may also purchase tickets for their Guests.

February 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 TENNIS 8AM-TC AQUACISE 11AM-RC KOFFEE KLATCH 12.30-CHINA BUFFT NORTHPORT	2 HORSESHOES 9AM-RC CARDS 2PM-CH BOCCCE 9.30AM-RC GARDEN MTG- 10 AM-CH PICKLEBALL - 4:30 PM- TC POKER 6PM-RC	3 TENNIS 8AM-TC SHUFFLEBOARD 9AM-RC EXERCISE 9AM-10:15-CH LINE DANCING 11AM-12-CH AQUASIZE 11AM-RC	4
5	6 TENNIS 8AM-TC SHUFFLEBOARD 8:45-RC EXERCISE 9AM-10:15-CH AQUASIZE 11AM-RC BILLARDS 1PM-RC	7 HORSESHOES 9AM-RC BOCCCE 9.30AM-RC CARDS 2PM-CH	8 TENNIS 8AM-TC AQUACISE 11AM-RC KOFFEE KLATCH 10AM-CH	9 HORSESHOES 9AM-RC CARDS 2PM-CH BOCCCE 9.30AM-RC PICKLEBALL - 4:30 PM- TC POKER 6PM-RC	10 TENNIS 8AM-TC SHUFFLEBOARD 9AM-RC EXERCISE 9AM-10:15-CH LINE DANCING 11AM-12-CH AQUASIZE 11AM-RC	11
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26	27 TENNIS 8AM-TC SHUFFLEBOARD 8:45-RC EXERCISE 9AM-10:15-CH AQUASIZE 11AM-RC BILLARDS 1PM-RC	28 HORSESHOES 9AM-RC BOCCCE 9.30AM-RC CARDS 2PM-CH	Notes: RC- Recreation Center CH-Club House TC-Tennis Courts			

Welcome to the Gardens of Gulf Cove

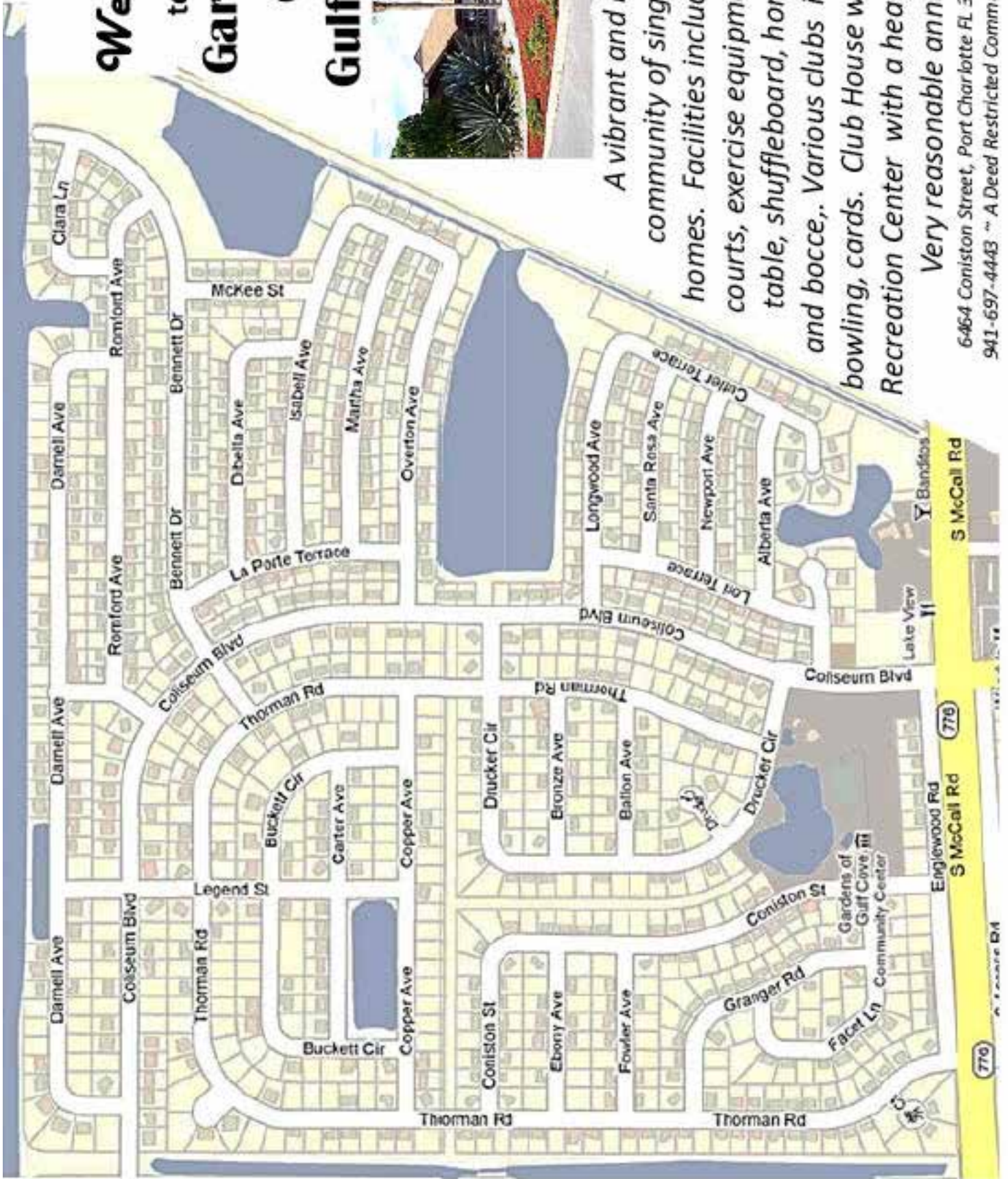


A vibrant and beautiful community of single family homes. Facilities include tennis courts, exercise equipment, pool table, shuffleboard, horseshoes, and bocce,. Various clubs including bowling, cards. Club House with pool. Recreation Center with a heated pool.

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