

Another successful potluck with great food and music by Blake. Thank you to everyone who came and their non-perishable food donations, which were donated to the Gulf Coast Methodist church who then brought all the donations to local food banks.



The Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 16, was a huge success with great food and great music by Frank and Sam Jam. We also paid a special tribute to Mae Gannon who was the originator of the Country Western Dance now called the Dinner Dance. At the dance there were 10 couples who attended for the first time. The highlight of the evening was the celebration of the 70th wedding anniversary of Ralph and Genevieve Filipelli as well as Alberta and Bill Weinheimer who danced to the anniversary waltz. A special thank you to the members of the Activity and Community Improvement Club for all their help in making this dance a success.





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Pool Hours

March 1 – March 9:	8:30 am - 6:00 pm
March 10 – April 9:	
April 10 – April 30:	

Office Hours Club House (6464 Coniston) If needed, please call for an appointment (941) 697-4443 or visit during office hours as follows: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Monday – Friday)

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# Impromptu Sing-Along a great evening!

**great evening!** On Monday, February 4, at 5:30 pm we experienced a great evening of music. A thank you to Blake Pace at the piano and his gracious wife Lynn and her beautiful voice. Blake and Lynn will be doing this again on March 4th and April 1st, please come and join them.



#### **Blood Drive**

On behalf of the OneBlood team, thank you to the Gardens for hosting a blood drive. The blood drive resulted in 9 units of blood, each donation can save up to three lives, so that means 27 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of blood donors from the Gardens of Gulf Cove. Thank you to those who donated!

## **Community Garage Sale**

Spring is ahead! When was the last time you cleaned house? The next Community Garage Sale will be: Friday, March 15 8:00 am – 2:00 pm and Saturday, March 16 8:00 am to 2:00 pm No need to sign up, just put your stuff out at the convenience of your own home! Contact Lucille Breen 941-697-3809 with any questions.

#### **Board Meetings**

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Any other meetings will be announced, check the Association Official Business Bulletin Board located in the Club House. All property owners are encouraged to attend and participate in the governance of your community.

Judy Hollister CAM Community Association Manager

#### Let's Go Biking

The first informational biking meeting on 2/21 was very successful. We made some plans of dates and times to get together for biking. Because it is getting warmer, we have decided to meet once a week, one evening and one early morning.

We will begin biking around the Gardens, for an hour each time. If an hour is too much in the beginning and living in the Gardens, everyone can leave the group when they have had enough. As our group begins to feel stronger and more confident with their skills, we will try biking the rail trail. We tried to arrange times that would not interfere with other activities. Of course, always weather permitting.

This group is meant for those who have either never ridden before (or in a long time), have always wanted to get back to it - but not wanting to do it alone, as well as for the more Intermediate bikers for the same reasons.

Our meeting times are:

Monday evenings (starting 2/25) at 6:00 pm, at the Club House.

Thursday mornings (starting 2/28) at 8:00 am, at the Club House.

Please make sure you bring a drink, wear good shoes, and have a helmet. Come one....come all, it should be a fun opportunity, for some movement as well as making new friends!

Lastly, this is a free will biking group, at your own risk. If you bike off the Gardens property, said biker is also at own risk... Organizer is not responsible if anyone gets hurt. You will have to sign a waiver

form to keep organizer from being liable in case of an accident. Joan Schmidt 845-332-5179



#### **Friends Out and About**

Join a fun bunch for lunch!

Luncheons are the last Wednesday of each month. The following lunches have been planned for March and April.

The March luncheon is Wednesday, March 27, at 1:00 pm, at Carrabba's Italian Grill, Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte

The April luncheon is Wednesday, April 24, at 1:00 pm, at the Longhorn Steakhouse, Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte

Everyone welcome! If you plan to attend, please call Lucille Breen at 941-697-3809.

## Join us for a great time at our upcoming PIZZA PARTY

Sponsored by the:

Activities and Community Improvement Club Menu Includes: Assorted varieties of Pizza, Salad, Dessert, Coffee, Ice, Utensils and Paper Goods. Bring your own beverages (BYOB) and snacks!

Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019

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



Place: GOGC Clubhouse Entertainment by Frank and Sam Jam

*Tickets: \$11.00 per person To buy tickets cal*:

■ Lucille Breen 941-697-3809

■ Ralph Filipelli 941-697-5197 Proceeds Benefit our Community

\* Raffles and Prizes \*



#### BINGO

Join us at the Clubhouse every Wednesday at 2:00 pm for BINGO!

Two (2) cards for \$5.00 Five (5) game set Get in on the fun and excitement as Sergio Sanchez



and Ron DeNichilo entertain the players!

## Compliance Corner Important Notices:

Please do not block the sidewalk with your 1) vehicle(s) or any other item. Residents have been reporting vehicles parked in the pathway.

Be sure to clean up loose items in your yard as we are approaching storm season.

3) Charlotte County's new hurricane shutter rule is in effect. The new regulation states that no storm shutters shall remain in place longer than thirty days after the end of hurricane season which is November 30 of any given year. The county will issue citations to violators in the amount of \$100 for first offense. Residents can apply to Charlotte County for a \$94 permit to keep their shutters up longer, however not all shutters may qualify.

Lori Milakeve, Compliance Director Administrative Assistant

#### **Memory Garden**

The Memory Garden will no longer be cared for by the Activity and Community Improvement Club (formerly known as The Garden Club). The Memory Garden is maintained by the staff. Bricks will still be available to purchase. Please call Lucille Breen at 941-697-3809 and she can provide you information as to where you can purchase bricks.

#### **Gardens of Gulf Cove Website**

Please refer to our website http://www. thegardensofgulfcove.com for information you may need such as documents, newsletters, minutes, pool hours, office hours, announcements, activities calendar and contact information.

#### **GARDENS OF GULF COVE MOVIE NIGHT!**

Join us for Movie Night the first Friday of each month at the Clubhouse! Enjoy a night out among neighbors watching a movie and sharing refreshments. Plan to arrive at 7:00 pm - show time is at 7:15! The movie for March 1 is mystery/ crime drama Now You See Me (2013). For April 5 we have planned thriller/drama White House **Down** (2013). Your suggestions are always welcome, so please call if you have any ideas and/ or movies that we can borrow!



Ticket prices will be \$2.00 per person in advance (please) or \$3.00 at the door – includes admission, real movie buttered popcorn non-carbonated and beverages. Feel free to bring your own snack or treat to share. Personal preference drinks and adult beverages are OK - drink responsibly. You may bring a cushion for chair support or your own fold up chair. There will be a variety of setups with and without

tables for your comfort.

AS WITH ALL FUNCTIONS IN THE GARDENS OF GULF COVE, THIS IS OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS AND THEIR GUESTS. Purchase your ticket(s) in advance at the Management office. We hope to see you there!!!

## **Garden's Activity and Community Improvement Club Events 2019**

**Community Garage Sale** – Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16

Pizza Party - Saturday, March 23, 2019

Great American Cleanup in the Gardens -Saturday, March 30, 2019

## **Garden's Activity and Community Improvement Club Meetings 2019**

The Activity and Community Improvement Club meets the first Thursday of each month, starting November with our last meeting for the season in April 2019. Our meetings are open to all residents of the Gardens of Gulf Cove and we meet at 10:00 am at the Gardens Clubhouse. We are actively looking for new members to join the club. We need reliable help and commitment as it takes a lot of work and planning to organize all the events for a large community such as ours.

If interested in joining our club, contact Lucille Breen at 941-697-3809 or by email at: <u>breenb1@</u> centurylink.net

Following are the dates of our club's upcoming meetings:

- March 7, 2019 April 4, 2019 •



Aquasize class meets All are welcome! Monday, Wednesday & Fridays at 11:00 am at the Recreation Center (heated) pool!

#### **Billiards**

Billiards players are scheduled to play on Mondays at 1:00 pm in the Recreation Center.

#### Bocce

Bocce players meet on Tuesday & Thursdays at 9:30 am.

All residents are welcome to learn and play the game!

Contact Jerry Gentner 330-592-7541.



#### **Bowling**

Join us for bowling on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm at Treasure Lanes (1059 Tamiami Trail) Port Charlotte. \$12.00 for three games. If you're interested, contact Ray Forshee 201-289-2216.



## **Low Impact Exercise**

Low Impact Exercise classes led by Grace Werling are held at 9:00 am on Mondays and Fridays at the Clubhouse on Coniston St. If you have any questions about the class, please call Grace at 860-460-6370.

#### **Line Dancing**



Get out your dancing shoes and join us every Friday at 11:00 am at the Clubhouse for some great fun! 🏷 Mark your calendars! 🛛 For more information, call Sharon Brooks 618-841-6067 or Joan Schmidt 845-

332-5179.

#### **Pickle Ball**

Come out and join the fun Tuesday & Thursdays at 8:00 am. If you've never played Pickle Ball, you're encouraged to come and see what it's about! Paddles, balls & instruction are available if you want to give it a try, contact George Metcalfe at 516-515-7713.

#### **Shuffle Board**

Shuffle Board is back Monday & Fridays starting at 9:00 am at the Recreation Center. Contact Bob Whitney at 201-956-0593.



#### Tennis

Come and join us for open play at 8:00 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



The Gardens of Gulf Cove is looking for a few volunteers to keep an eye on our Flags in the community, putting them at half staff when needed, letting us know when they need to be replaced, taking them down and putting new flags up when needed.

Please call the office if you are interested!

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