



Gardens of Gulf Cove

Garden Spot Newsletter

May 2016

Presidents Letter

My Fellow Property Owners in the Gardens of Gulf Cove

The Annual meeting went very well. Jack Sheehan, our Community Association Manager (CAM), sent out an E-Mail that covered the highlights of the meeting as well as the Board Meeting on April 13th. It included links to the results of the Proxy votes, as well as copies of two resolutions passed by the Board. As technology changes, so does the way the Association communicates with owners. We now have three internet-based ways to communicate: our website, Facebook, and E-mail. The Association has improved our website and added a new feature: "Contact". You can now use our website to send an E-Mail to the Association. If the staff cannot handle your request, they will forward it to me or the appropriate person that can handle it. A key way the Association will communicate in the future will be by E-Mail. Currently, we have over 600 owners who get our E-Mail's. We want to increase this to include as many as possible of 984 Owners. If you do not get Jack Sheehan's (CAM) E-Mails, contact the office. Also, encourage all the other owners you know to give us their E-Mails.

One very important change mentioned in Jack Sheehan's (CAM) report is the updated fining process. Recent changes in the State law required us to change our process. In the past, we sent letter out to the owners giving them time to comply, if not the fines would then start. This would allow a few owners to consistently violate our restriction but they would come into compliance before fining started. They would then again violate the restrictions. We had a probation policy so these repeat offenders could be fined, the new process does not allow probation. Our new process allows the Board to levy fines for each day of violation before a letter is sent, then the owner will be given the opportunity to appeal the fine. The Association is just interested in having all the Owners follow the restrictions in the Covenants. The fining process is used for those that decide the restrictions do not apply to them.

Jim Newkirk, President
Gardens of Gulf Cove POA Board of Directors



GARDENS OF GULF COVE POA, INC.

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941-698-9274 facsimile

Coliseum Office

941-697-1211 Rec Center

email: gardensofgulfcove@gmail.com

website: www.thegardensofgulfcove.com

Pool Hours: May - 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Office Hours

Recreation Center (6615 Coliseum)

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday Closed

Club House (6464 Coniston)

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

2016 Regular Board Meeting Schedule

7:00 PM at the Clubhouse

Monday, , 2016 Board Meeting

Wednesday, , 2016 Continuation

Office Hours

Recreation Office-Mon, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Club House Office-Monday-Friday 9:00a.m -1:00 p.m.

****Pool passes are issued at the Recreation Office, if you cannot visit within business hours call and we will try to make arrangements to accommodate you or your guests. ****

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Jack SheehanLicensed Community Association Manager

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The Koffee Klatch

The Koffee Klatch welcomes new members. We meet every Wednesday of the month. The first Wednesday is a luncheon at various neighborhood restaurants at 12:30. 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.



Arts and Crafts

The Arts and Crafts will be suspended for the summer season and resume in December. Thanks to all who participated in our February fair. We look forward to new members and ideas.

Garden Club



Thank you to everyone that came out for the Great American Cleanup on April 2nd. The Gardens are staying cleaner every year. Even at that, we picked up 14 bags of trash. Through their efforts our dedicated volunteers continue to help support a clean and beautiful community.

Bocce

Many of our regular Bocce snowbird players have left but will return in the fall to play on our new courts. There are bocce balls and directions at the Recreation Center to learn how to play, so practice and enjoy the game. Have a great summer!



Residents of the Gardens enjoy a relaxing evening on the bay.

On Saturday, April 2, 20 residents of the Gardens enjoyed a relaxing evening on the bay out of Sarasota on the Marina Jacks II cruise ship. Although rain was predicted, it stayed away and we had clear sailing. Everyone had a great time, a clear sky, a beautiful night, great buffet and most important good company and conversation. Something definitely to plan again.

Board Games



Join us Thursdays in May at 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Bring your favorite game or play one of ours. *Snacks will be served. Bring your own beverage.

For more info call: Cathy @ 941-828-1129

DAY AT THE BALL PARK!

Residents of Gardens of Gulf Cove had a great day at the ball park March 30th, Boston Red Sox and the Tampa Bay Rays.



Sidewalks in our community

Home owners are responsible for keeping the sidewalks clear in front of their home from overgrown grass, plants, trees etc. We have some physically challenged individuals in the community that these obstructions are very dangerous to them, so please be considerate.

Volunteers Needed

If you want to be active in the Gardens of Gulf Cove community, meet your neighbors and ensure that Gardens of Gulf Cove continues to offer great programs and events, and continues to be the best place to live in Port Charlotte we want to hear from you!

We need volunteers for a variety of roles and up-coming positions. Based on your schedule, passion and preferences, we invite you to join us for one hour a month to help at an event, or a few

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hours a month to sit on a committee. We will train you.

The most immediate need is for “community help volunteers”, these are pay it forward positions of compassion. People get ill or are the caretaker of an ill spouse, have to leave to care for a child or elder, have bigger issues to care about than their lawn, it can happen to any of us at any time. We have helped several owners already with outside groups like the Vietnam Vets of America, two of our smaller lawn services has also helped. But the need is ongoing and as summer approaches and growing season takes off, it will be even more of a burden on these folks. We will form a group to help neighbors in need with maintenance and property care. I know you too are busy but if you could give an hour a month, it helps our community tremendously. To sign up just email: gardensofgulfcove@gmail.com

CAM Corner

HOSPITALITY AT THE GARDENS

Residents and owners are reminded that Gardens of Gulf Cove is NOT designated by HUD as an over 55 community. Residents and their guests of all ages, color, national origin, religious beliefs and sexual orientation shall not be discriminated against in any way. In addition to suspension of use rights at the pools or other amenities, to do so violates the federal fair housing laws and could subject the violators to civil litigation in federal courts which can result in substantial fines to individuals and / or the violator.

Jack Sheehan, CAM

Annual Meeting

Congratulations to all the owners for conducting and concluding the annual meeting of the members. The adjournment of the meeting concluded the proxy voting, the results were sent out in an email blast along with the explanation of the calculations used to pass or fail.

The results pages can also be found on the community website under “announcements” and “Documents and Forms”. The large proxy and voter turn-out in person and by proxy not only expressed the desires of the owners for individual items, but also upon analysis, gives the board a general feel for the direction the owners want the association to go.

Jack Sheehan, CAM



Feeding the Wildlife

Florida's wildlife and human population are encountering each other more often than ever before. As humans develop more open space and wildlife habitat is reduced and fragmented, encounters between humans and wildlife become more common. For most people, observing wildlife is a thrilling experience, but when an animal causes damage or attempts to share your living space, that thrill can turn to irritation or fear.

You may have seen the recent news from Cape Coral in the Sandoval Development. People had been feeding, throwing rocks and getting too close to the gators. They lost their instinctive fear of humans which led to their destruction by DNR.

Just like us, birds and other animals are doing their best to make a living and raise their young. Developing an appreciation and understanding of your wild neighbors can help you learn to accept them and live in harmony with them without resorting to extreme measures. Tips for keeping the awe in your wildlife experience.

- Feeding wildlife accustoms them to humans and is a certain death sentence for alligators and other species.
- Making simple accommodations will often solve the problem of marauding raccoons and other critters. Remove the free meal attractant by feeding pets indoors, installing baffles on bird feeder poles and fastening trash cans lids with rubber straps.
- Bringing pets inside at night will keep them safe from hungry predators.
- Cover possible entryways with hardware cloth to exclude squirrels, bats and other animals scouting out your home for a safe place to raise young.
- Nesting season is in for bats, believe it or not they are protected during nesting season. Bats are the natural mosquito control.

Rather than getting your feathers ruffled, make simple accommodations to avoid wildlife conflicts then relax and enjoy the wonders of wildlife in your own backyard.



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FRIENDS OUT AND ABOUT

LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY MAY 25

1:00 PM

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Arthur Paul	\$10	AMS West Coast
Beverly Blattner	\$10	Barrons AC & Appliance Service

Drawing Date - 4/11/16

Sellout Crowds and Lots of Fun

The photos tell the story. The February 2016 Gardens of Gulf Cove Dinner Dance and March Pizza Party were a lot of fun. One hundred and fifteen people bought Dinner Dance tickets and one hundred fourteen bought tickets for the Pizza Party. Those attending the dinner danced to the music of Judy Love, Tommy C and the Barstool Mountain Boys while the Pizza Partiers danced to the smooth music of Bob Pomerleau.

We had a record number of wonderful prizes donated by the following local merchants and friends:

**The Englewood Bank
Publix
Home Depot
Patricia's on Placida
Treasure Lanes
Mama's
Lickity Split**

**Olde World Restaurant
Nicola's Italian Kitchen
Sue's Styling Salon
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**Anna's Designs
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There were yummy desserts, plenty of food and everyone enjoyed dancing and visiting with friends new and old. Quite a few of our new neighbors joined in the two events.

The Garden and Beautification Committee is open



to all residents and owners in the Gardens and meets the first Thursday of each month from Fall through April at 10:00 AM at the Clubhouse. Additional workdays as needed are scheduled and announced in the Garden Spot and through email.

The next Dinner Dance will be in February 2017 and the next Pizza Party is March 2017. Watch for dates.



These fundraisers make many improvements to our grounds possible. You are invited to join us.

May 2016

This is a blank and printable May Calendar. Courtesy of WinCalendar.com

May 2016							June 2016 ►
◀ April 2016	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1		2 TENNIS 8AM-RC SHUFFLEBOARD 9am-RC AQUACISE 11AM-RC	3 CARDS 2PM-CH	4 TENNIS 8AM-RC AQUACISE 11AM-RC KOFFEE KLATCH 12:30 PM GREAT WALL	5 BOARD GAMES 2PM-CH MENS POKER 7PM-RC BIBLE STUDY 7PM-CH	6 TENNIS 8AM-RC SHUFFLEBOARD 9AM-RC AQUACISE 11AM-RC	7
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22 PRIVATE PARTY CLUB HOUSE		23 TENNIS 8AM-RC SHUFFLEBOARD 9AM-RC AQUACISE 11AM-RC	24 CARDS 2PM-CH	25 TENNIS 8AM-RC KOFFEE KLATCH 10AM-CH AQUACISE 11AM-RC FRIENDS OUT&ABOUT NICOLA'S REST. 1PM	26 BOARD GAMES 2PM-CH MENS POKER 7PM-RC BIBLE STUDY 7PM-CH	27 TENNIS 8AM-RC SHUFFLEBOARD 9AM-RC AQUACISE 11AM-RC	28
29		30 TENNIS 8AM-RC SHUFFLEBOARD 9AM-RC AQUACISE 11AM-RC	31 CARDS 2PM-CH	Notes: TENNIS AND SHUFFLEBOARD ARE NON LEAGUE PLAY. RC = RECREATION CENTER CH= CLUB HOUSE.			

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CONTINUATION OF ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA - APRIL 13, 2016 7:00 PM

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Rollcall of Directors and number of members present.
- 4) This is a Continuation of the March 15, 2016 Annual Meeting
- Quorum was established at initial meeting
- 5) Results of Limited Proxy Vote on:
 - a) General Business Question
 - b) Amendments to the Governing Document
 - c) Proxy Vote on Material Alterations / Modifications
- 6) Motion to close voting on Limited Proxy Questions (Vote of membership)
- 7) Motion to Adjourn Meeting (Vote of membership)

BOARD MEETING AGENDA - APRIL 13, 2016 FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Establish a Quorum of the Board, all present except Jack Arlinghaus / Call Meeting to Order
- 3) Charlotte County Deputy Crime Statistics
- 4) Establish Agenda
 - a) Agenda reviewed at the Workshop Meeting
 - b) Owners request to add an Agenda Item
- 5) Approval of previous meeting minutes - Approved
- 6) Treasurer Report: Herman Dahl
- 7) Audit report: Lois Almante, no issues reported
- 8) President's Report: Jim Newkirk
 - a) RV Lot Update
 - b) Hot Tub
- 9) CAM Report : Jack Sheehan – no report due to length of meeting
- 10) Social Committee Reports – moved to end of agenda
 - a) Garden and Beautification Committee : Lucille Breen
 - b) Shuffleboard: Bob Whitney
 - c) Tennis: Jack Kyle
 - d) Bowling, Yoga and Line Dancing: Lucille Breen
 - e) Friends Out and About: Herman Dahl
 - f) Activities: Lucille Breen
 - g) Proposed change in Social Committees Monthly Report – approved removal of social committee reports from Monthly meeting agenda. Will be given at least one full page in newsletter. Judy to take input, edit and format information.
- 11) Old Business
 - a) Fining Procedure revisions – Approved and attached
 - b) Fines: Jack Sheehan – Approved as presented
 - c) Umbrella policy quotes – Approved 5 million policy
- 12) New Business
 - a) Appointment to the Maintenance Committee – Ray Forshee Approved
 - b) Nuisance Regulations – Approved as Submitted and attached
 - c) Lawn Maintenance – Approved \$6,000 for mover, cancel contract, hire part time person
 - d) Cutler Lots
 - i) Removal of Lot 58 from Association Assessment Roll – Approved
 - ii) Sale of Cutler Lots 58, 59, and 60 – Approved \$5,500, lots 58,59 & 60 to be sold together, plus President can negotiate and approve purchase offer
 - e) Focused Monthly Agenda Item – Capital Budget

i) Recommended 2016/2017 Major Projects – Approved Proposed Projects in 2016 Budget with changes recommended by the maintenance committee:

Storage Lot Replacement - Fence	Needs to be redesigned and estimated
Clubhouse Flooring	Repairs to be done as part of the normal maintenance.
Clubhouse stage rebuild & recover	Cancel Project
Bathhouse Project	Bathroom repairs to be done as part of the normal maintenance. Major work moved to 10 year plan.

No items added or removed from rest of list

- i) Review April 9th Walk Around – Handed out list
- ii) “Board Adopted Reserves” Account – explained concept
- f) Night Time Security – tabled to next meeting
- g) Voting requirements for proxy items – tabled to next meeting
- 13) Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 9:49 PM
- 14) Open forum

May Sudoku

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