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Totally random:

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.

Eating chocolate was once considered a temptation of the devil.

It is estimated that Manatees live a maximum of fifty to sixty years.

And... the smallest unit of time is the yoctosecond.

Have a great day in the sunshine!

Cool Runnings! Keep Smiling!
Pat Bourquin

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Please view event pictures on our GHC Website noted on pg. 1.

Bill Bourquin: 440-465-5394 OR ghc.recreation@gmail.com

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING: Thursday Feb. 1 1:00 CH1

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES HAPPENING NOW OR COMING SOON!

BINGO: Don Everly 727-312-4411 Carl Ross 727-842-9332 Thurs. 7:00 p.m. (Doors 6:00) CH1

BILLIARDS: needs contact person.

BOCCE: Gunther Thomas 727-847-1754 Tues. and Fri. 9:30 a.m.

BRIDGE: Mary and Don Kinnander: 763-515 3347 Tues. 7:00 p.m. CH1 If interested call Mary Kinnander

CHESS: Anyone interested in playing call Mario 727-815-8130

CRIBBAGE: Walter Hanam 727-232-2139 Tues. 7:00 p.m. CH1

DARTS: Jim Keane 917-693-1776 Wed. 6:30 CH3

EUCHRE: Bill Galley 727-846-1612 7:00 p.m. Mon. CH1

HAND & FOOT: Pat Fagerson 727-505-9336 Wed. 6:30 in CH #1. Come early. Bring guests!

KARAOKE: Rhonda Brown 727-807-3532

MEN'S CARDS:

MEN'S GOLF: Don Lutyens 727-849-3773

QUILT/SEW AND HAND CRAFTS: Linda Schissel 218-255-3583 Barb Silva 617-653-2102 Mon. 1:00 CH1

SHUFFLEBOARD: Don Everly 727-312-4411 Mon. & Thurs. 1:00 p.m.

STRENGTH TRAINING STRETCH AND FLEX: Barb Silva 617-653-2102 Mon. 9:00 a.m. CH1

SWIMNASTICS: Diane Ross 727-842-9332 Tues. Thurs. and Sat. 10:00 a.m. Pool 1

THREE MILE WALK: Vicki Shevlin Mon, Wed., Fri., 10:00 a.m. CH3

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SAVE THE DATE

BINGO: Thursday evenings CH1. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. play starts at 7:00 p.m. **No Bingo** the night of February 15th due to a scheduled Board Meeting. Bingo that week will be played on **Friday the 16th**. Same time same station different day.

SOMETHING NEW!!!: **CALLING ALL** interested Dart players. The Recreation Committee has purchased an electronic Dart board for our GHC community. Come join us in CH3 starting Wednesday Feb. 7th at 6:30 p.m. We will be playing mystery doubles, double elimination. All skill levels welcome. For additional information contact Jim Keane 917-693-1776

KARAOKE: Saturday Feb. 10th **Karaoke Dance Night.** 8:00-11:00 p.m. \$4.00 Doors open 7:30 PM Join in the fun. Come practice to see what this is all about on Feb. 2nd 11:00-12:30 p.m. CH1 Great time having fun with others. **Ticket Sales:** Friday Feb. 2nd and 9th from 11:00-12:30 p.m. CH1.

FAT TUESDAY: Tuesday Feb. 13th 2:00-5:00 p.m. CH1. Enjoy a bowl of Gumbo. Bring appetizers to share. BYOB, ice, set-ups and plastic ware furnished. Join us for Music, 50/50 and FUN. Darrell Smith and Company

SURPRISE ROMEO AND JULIET MYSTERY RIDE LUNCHEON: Wednesday, Feb. 14th This event is SOLD OUT. Remember: 12:15@ CH1 \$5.00 per person. Order off the menu, separate checks. I wonder where we are going..... Hosted by Fudge, Holton, Silva, Stevenson

BOOK CLUB REMINDER: Thurs. Feb. 15th **Feb.** The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd and Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult. **Mar.** The Goldfinch by Donna Tratt and The Chilbury Ladies Choir by Jennifer Ryan

2018 GULF HARBORS MENS WEDNESDAY GOLF LEAGUE: Location is Links GC, Hudson Rte.19 North 20 minutes to Hudson Road, East 1 mile to course. (727-868-1091) **Check in Time: 7:30- 7:45 AM**
Questions / Recommendations: dlutch@aol.com and/or **Call 727-849-3773.** Don Lutyens

GALS AND GUYS CARD PARTY AND LUNCHEON: **YES! YES! YES!** Monday, February 19th 11:00-3:00 CH1 Doors open 10:30 a.m. \$7.00 per person. Tickets are limited. Ticket Sales: Monday Feb. 12 @ 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday Feb. 13 @ 1:00 p.m. CH1. Party is open to GHC owners, renters and in-house guests first. Unsold tickets available to 'off-campus' friends at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 13th. Gather a table (4) and join us! Large table available. Bring cards and game boards. Hosted by the Ladies of GHC.

JULIET LUNCHEON: Thursday, Feb. 22nd Noon The Olive Garden 9690 US Highway 19 New Port Richey Sign-up sheet on Bulletin Board at CH1 Hosted by Knox and Cacciola . ?'s call Peggy Cacciola 201-638-1593

GHC ANNUAL YARD SALE: Saturday March 10th 8:00-1:00 CH3. Bring donations for the yard sale to CH3 on these dates: **Friday Feb. 9th Feb. 23rd and March 9th** 1:00-4:00 p.m. No TV's or large furniture. Sorry—No Pick-ups. GHC Recreation Committee.

MARCH DANCE: **Sat. March 10th 8:00-11:00 p.m. CH1** Welcome the "East Coast Girls with the GHC Singers". Individual charge of \$6.00 covers beer, soda, ice and set-ups. You may bring other beverages and munchies. Hosted by Schissel & Simerson. Contact Schissel 218-255-2582 or 218-255-3583

****Dance Lottery:** Deposit Envelope at the Office **on or before 12:00 noon Mon. Mar. 5th** Use a small envelope with your **U.S. bank check** \$6 per person.

Write on the outside of the envelope: 1) Dance date 2) Your name and the names of all persons in your group 3) Condo Bldg. and Unit# 4) Local phone # 5) Number of tickets desired (limit 10) 6) Dollar amount of check or money order enclosed. **DO NOT ENCLOSE CASH! DO NOT ENCLOSE CASH.** Make **U.S. bank checks** payable to **Gulf Harbors Recreation Committee.**

****Tickets will be assigned to tables and can be picked up at CH1 Tuesday March 6th from 1-3 p.m. or at the door on the night of the dance. No tickets will be sold or picked up at the office. Lottery results will be posted outside CH#1 on bulletin board.**

SHOW PALACE DINNER THEATER: Sun. March 11, 2018 1:00 p.m. Show Palace Dinner Theater 16128 US 19, Hudson, Fl. 34667. **"Unexpected Songs"** Andrew Lloyd Webber & Rogers and Hammerstein music. Ticket price \$46.00 per person. For reservations contact Peggy Cacciola at 201-638-1593 or apcacciola@aol.com. Put check(s) in an envelope with the names of the people attending in the box provided in the Office. Monies are due by **Feb. 1st**. Please make U.S. Bank checks payable to: Gulf Harbors Recreation.

THANK YOU

We want to "Thank" everyone for helping to Un-decorate CH1. Your help is very much appreciated. We could not have done this task without all of you helping. A "Big-job" well done!!
Mary Kinnander and Rhonda Brown

Bill Bourquin, Bill Olan and Tom Shalla would like to thank everyone who volunteered, (kitchen, servers and clean-up crews) who helped at the January Pancake Breakfast. Without volunteers like you, this and other Recreation Committee activities could not be offered.
Bill Bourquin, Bill Olan and Tom Shalla

HELP NEEDED: My name is Linda C. Knight and I live in Tower 5 Unit 201. A few years ago, I put in a request for a ride to Mass. That ride is no longer available. Mass is at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church. I would very much like to attend Mass and will be willing to bring a sheet for the vehicle as I have a Guide Dog named Ben. Thank you.

CAM'S CORNER

Each building has a laundry room or two or three. These rooms were part of the developers plan and the association continues that practice. It is important that all residents that use these laundries remember that others in the building will also be using this laundry, so it is important that you clean up after yourself, especially the lint filter on the dryer. The association has been replacing the washers and dryers as needed. The current replacement washer is a top loader. These new machines are all electronic. Therefore, it is important that you put your clothes in this washer, put in the detergent and close the lid, start with a token and return in around 30 minutes to put your clothes into the dryer.

It does tell you that you can raise the lid during the cycle, if you do, you must make sure that you do it quickly and push the start button again. Otherwise you confuse the washer and that means we have to call the service man to repair. The amount of water that goes into these machines is based on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards and therefore cannot be changed. Newer high efficiency machines use very little water, SO PLEASE use very little 'he' soap. It is important to understand these machines and that will help the association with expenses.

Secondly, we have been received complaints about cigarette butts. Due to the fact that a lot of cigarette smokers smoke outside, they are throwing their butts over the railings or putting them in the planting areas where they are very unsightly. This association cannot stop this practice, but would like all smokers to respect the grounds that this association tries very hard to keep neat and clean.

MAINTENANCE CORNER

As we continue to repair pipes, we want to remind all residents to PLEASE NEVER pour the following down your drains: OIL, Grease, Bleach or DRANO. Drano and Bleach eats away at our pipe system causing more problems. We have VERY OLD pipes and flushing anything besides toilet paper will cause backups, which are costly to ALL residents. **Call the office for any clog you have in sinks or toilets.**

ONLY toilet paper should go in your toilet, nothing else!!

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Planning Committee is looking for input from all owners and renters. A planning session will be scheduled in the near future. Please watch the website www.gulpharborscondos.com for the date. We appreciate all input. We still have some openings for members on the committee. The committee can be reached at ghc.strategicplanning@gmail.com

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Next Scheduled Meetings: **Town Hall Meeting: Feb. 8, 2018 1:00-2:30 p.m. CH1**
Board Meeting: February 15, 2018 7:00 p.m. CH1

Please note the changes to the February Board Meeting and Work Session. The Work Session will now be a **Town Hall and ALL Owners are encouraged** to attend in CH1. The purpose of this informal meeting is to annually bring the GHC community together so members' voices can be heard.

Also please note that the February Board Meeting is in the evening. We will begin at **7:00 p.m.** with the Budget Meeting and followed by a Board Meeting. All Owners are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Additional Notes on upcoming Mail-Outs:

Owners will be receiving letters in the Mail regarding the upcoming election and other areas of GHC business: Attendance Proxy, Voter Certificate and Web Access Authorization Sign-up

Attendance Proxy - this form is required to obtain sufficient attendance (a quorum) to hold an Annual Membership Meeting. Please sign and return in the envelope provided to our office, even if you plan to attend in person.

Voter Certificate - this form lists the 'one' person in your household authorized to vote on behalf of all owners. If you are not sure WHO is authorized, all owners can sign your outside ballot envelope. To update our records, this is being mailed to you as well. This is very important because only the person identified in the Voting Certificate is legally permitted to vote in an election.

Web Access Authorization sign-up - please complete and return this form to the office so we have your proper email address and your request for access to the new private website. When you press the new **Owners Only** button (not activated yet) on our existing website you will be linked to the new private access site. We will have your correct email information. We will then approve your request and you will create your own password to access the "Owners Only" private section of our website.

SPECTRUM: Please watch for the **Spectrum** letter advising of your options to install your **free TV Box**. You have the Option of the **TV Box – to be mailed out at no charge**, or you can pick it up at their Moon Lake office. If you choose **Professional Installation**, there is a **fee of \$49.99**. They should advise you of this when you call. This comes into effect February 1st, 2018.

WELCOME NEW OWNERS

T1 - 205 Rick and VickiJo Burr of Trenton, Mi. formerly owned by LD and David Ogilvie
V9 -110 William Frosch III of New Port Richey, Fl. formerly owned by Rich and VickiJo Burr

Welcome to the 2018 season from the Community Patrol Security Committee:

Our continuing safety and security are essential...In the spring we invited a member of the Pasco County Sheriff's Department to assist us with advice and information. Deputy Ron Buzzetto attended our open meeting and provided some interesting and helpful insights. The meeting was well attended by residents and members of our Community Patrol.

The Deputy stressed that we are encouraged to call the Sheriff's Department whenever we need police assistance.

We learned that our (Gulf Harbors Condos), call experience did not warrant directed patrols. In other words, if your community does not have 30 calls or more in 90 days, the police do not routinely assign specific patrols. Our call numbers were much lower indicating that we probably have a reasonably safe neighborhood.

Emergencies call 911

He further advised if you see any activities which appear suspicious, or if the actions cause you to feel scared, please call the Sheriff's Department. In addition to the emergency number they have a **non-emergency number 727-847-8102**.

Lastly they have a website (**pascosheriff.com**). The website is very informative and it has provisions which allow for anonymous reporting of criminal activities.

It is also important that we keep our Community Patrol Officers fully aware of suspicious and troubling activities in our community. They make routine and specific patrols to problem areas at Gulf Harbors Condos.

Undoubtedly, their preventative patrols are contributing significantly to our low call numbers. They have an ongoing knowledge of activities in our community.

Call the Police first and the community patrol next !!

Things to be aware of at GHC:

****PARKING:** *PLEASE Do not park vehicles over the sidewalk. Wheelchairs and scooters will Thank you!*

****SLOW DOWN ON OUR STREETS AND PARKING AREAS!!**

****ALARM:** Defibrillator at CH1. ALARM SOUNDS-CALL OFFICE.

****RECYCLING:** Cans & Paper - Recycling station for Aluminum CANS, use the can squisher for cans and put them in the receptacle provided. PAPER Recycle: **Please BREAKDOWN all boxes** before throwing them into the bin as it is for all 537 Units to share limited space. Bin emptied twice a month. PLEASE DO NOT leave cardboard next to the BIN. **Both BIN's are located at SIDE PARKING LOT CH3**

****WATER CONSERVATION:** Repair leaky faucets and toilets...HELP Lower OUR water bills!

****RESIDENTS:** If you know of anyone who has been ill or has passed away, please notify Pat Fageron at 727-505-9336.

****SUGGESTION BOX:** Just inside CH1. Put questions/complaints/suggestions in the box. All entries are read by the Board. The signed ones will be acknowledged. Keep your ideas coming!

****Wi-Fi:** CH1 and CH3 FREE to Road Runner Customers– email and password needed to log on.

****VEHICLE WASHING: Friday only.** Use carport and open parking areas. Do not wash cars at the Clubhouses or near the pools.

****ATTENTION SMOKERS:** Use 'Smokers Outpost Stands' located outside CH#1. Don't Litter!

****GRILL CLEANING:** Grill cleaning materials available for check-out in the office.

****Card Table and Chairs are available for residents to use.** The tables and chairs are in the office.
A refundable deposit of \$10 for a table and \$10 for 4 chairs.

AVAILABLE TO BORROW: Baby stroller, high chair, playpen & baby bed in a bag. Pat Fageron 727-505-9336.

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			V5		
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