

Fellow Members of the Gardens of Gulf Cove,

The winter season has arrived and Florida is basking in the Holiday spirit already. We are pleased so many of our residents have returned safely to the Gardens of Gulf Cove and look forward to the safe return of all over the next few weeks. Our staff has prepared the community for your return making sure the pools are pristine and our facilities clean and equipment is ready for your enjoyment.

I am sure most of you are aware that Greg Smyth our Community Association Manager is in his last few days with us this month having accepted a really nice opportunity in the community at large. Greg's dedication and service to the Gardens was exemplary and his counsel and leadership will be missed.

The Board of Directors has initiated a search for a manager and we are positive that we will find the right person for our community. This search seeks a full-time licensed manager and we are expecting to find someone with strong credentials who has experience in communities similar to ours. We seek someone who has a good solid background in accounting as well as in the areas of management and supervision that are so critical to our day-to-day operation. We believe the search will take some time but are optimistic that we will have someone in place by the end of February.

As you are well aware the budget is exceptionally tight this year since the request from the Board was defeated and the resulting budget had to be redrawn based on a slight increase of ten percent. The 2015 budget adopted at the November meeting does not now include the additional funds necessary for a balanced budget and the Board must find a reasonable approach to offset this deficit. Therefore, the Board meetings in December and in January will include conversations regarding the budget and about raising the funds necessary to a balanced budget. The Board has directed that the membership be advised at the appropriate time that the meetings in December and January will include discussions about the possibility of special assessments during 2015.

In the absence of a CAM the Board is going to provide oversight of the day-to-day operation of the community through the use of volunteer hours by members of the Board of Directors and through other approaches if available. We ask your patience and understanding during this time frame as each of us is going to be learning as we go.

We are hopeful that you will find the community you love is in good operational readiness for you and yours as the Holiday season approaches and wish you a most Joyous Holiday. See you at the meeting on December 10th at the Club House.

John W Anderson President Board of Director GGCPOA



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- Club House office hours: Mon thru Fri from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Rec Center office hours: Mon thru Fri from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- Pool Hours: 8:00 am to 1/2 hour before sunset, 7 days a week (weather permitting)

For your convenience, after-hours lockboxes are available at both offices.

Management Team

Greg SmythLicensed Community Association Manager Stacey AndersenAssistant Manager

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Volunteerism: A Helping Hand

Community associations are not immune in this recession. Sadly, some homes have been abandoned. The homes were foreclosed and the owners moved away. When banks take over these properties, they sometimes don't pay the regular assessment or maintain the property itself. With the depth of the foreclosure crisis and their own financial problems, banks may be struggling to keep up.

It's hard not to complain about a nearby property looking downtrodden. We all want to come home to a community we can be proud of. If the house next door is abandoned or not maintained, offer to help. Be sure to check with the association first if you want to clean up an abandoned property. The property may belong to the bank, the association or the financially-strapped owner. If no one is given notice that volunteers are coming to maintain a property, trespassing charges can be filed—not exactly a nice return on generosity.

If given approval to access a property, there are simple things volunteers can do to improve the look. When the trash is cleaned up, the yard is watered and mowed and the newspapers, door hangers and phone books are picked up off the porch, the home is less inviting to thieves and looks better.

Having unity in the community has never been more important than in times like these. Thankfully, as neighbors, we have one another. Don't get angry, get helpful.

PEDESTRIANS ALWAYS HAVE RIGHT OF WAY... GIVE THEM PLENTY OF TIME AND ROOM TO CROSS!

Please do your part - take pride in your property! Fix up, spruce up, paint & plant!

IMPORTANT:

The new deadline for newsletter submissions is the 12th of each month. This will be a hard deadline, meaning if you miss the deadline, your submission will not be included in the upcoming newsletter! If you have any questions, please contact the newsletter editor, Stacey at 941-697-1211.

Board Meetings, 7pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month,

Agenda Workshops, 7pm the Monday before. All meetings are at the Club House, 6464 Coniston St.

MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE GARDENS OF GULF COVE!

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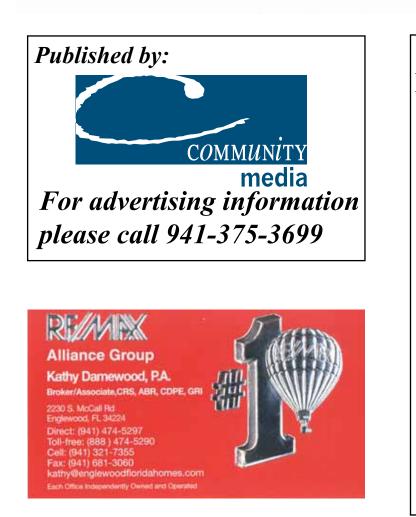
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Charlotte County Utilities Water Restrictions & Conservation

Year-Round Water Conservation Measures

The District's year-round water conservation measures went back into effect August 1, 2013. Charlotte County Ordinance 2010-016 adopted the water management district's year-round water conservation measures. Below are the current water conservation measures in place in Charlotte County. Always refer to your city or county regulations first.

Lawn Watering Days and Times

Lawn watering is limited to twice per week (if needed). Lawn watering days and times are as follows unless your city or county has a different schedule or stricter hours in effect:

(Based on the last number in your service address)

Even number addresses may water on <u>Thurs</u> and /or <u>Sun</u> - before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

<u>Odd number</u> addresses may water on <u>Wed</u> and/or <u>Sat</u> - before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

Hand watering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) may be done on any day and any time.

New Lawns and Plants (30 / 30)

New lawns and plants have a "30-30" establishment period. On day of installation, watering is allowed on any day at any time. <u>During the first 30 days, watering is allowed on any day, however during the allowable hours</u> (before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.). During the second 30 days, watering is allowed three days per week: even-numbered addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday; odd-numbered addresses may water Monday, Wednesday and Saturday; and locations without a discernable address may water on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday.

Reclaimed Water

Reclaimed water remains subject to voluntary watering hours, unless blended with another water source or restricted by the local government or utility.

Fountains, Car Washing and Pressure Washing

There are no specific restrictions on fountains, car washing and pressure washing.

These and other water uses should be conducted as efficiently as possible, such as using a shutoff nozzle on each hose to adhere to the general restriction prohibiting wasteful water usage.

If you have additional water restriction questions, please contact SWFWMD by email at <u>Water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org</u> or by calling their Water Restrictions Hotline at 1.800.848.0499 anytime or 1.800.836.0797, ext. 2298 during business hours (Florida only).

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- 6. Fanatical
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- 18. Fen
- 22. Fastens
- 24. Every single one
- 26. Curved molding
- 28. Panorama
- 29. Care for
- 30. Not difficult
- 31. Bluefin
- 32. Ear-related
- 33. Voracious
- 34. Excite pleasurably
- 37. Disabled
- 38. German for "Mister" 56. Muzzle
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40. Adolescent

41. Moon of Saturn

46. American symbol

49. Of very poor quality

53. Weightlifters pump

43. Scoop shovel

44. Chronicles

47. Avoid

48. Utilize

50. Backside

51. Take it easy

57. Craggy peak



61. If not



Community Association Fundamentals

Even though we live in an association, you might be surprised how many of our neighbors—owners and renters alike—don't really understand the fundamental nature of common-interest communities. And we know that many others, including the media and government officials, lack a true understanding of the community association concept.

Community Associations Institute (CAI), a national membership organization that represents the best interests of common-interest communities like ours, developed 10 basic principles that answer three essential questions: What is the basic function of a community association? What are the essential obligations and expectations of property owners? What are the core principles that should guide association leaders?

We're confident you'll recognize our community while reading these principles.

1. Associations ensure that the collective rights and interests of property owners are respected and preserved.

2. Associations are the most local form of representative democracy, with leaders elected by their neighbors to govern in the best interest of all residents.

3. Associations provide services and amenities to residents, protect property values and meet the established expectations of property owners.

4. Associations succeed when they cultivate a true sense of community, active property owner involvement and a culture of building consensus.

5. Association property owners have the right to elect their community leaders and to use the democratic process to determine the policies that will protect their investments.

6. Association property owners choose where to live and accept a contractual responsibility to abide by established policies and meet their financial obligations to the association.

7. Association leaders protect the community's financial health by using established management practices and sound business principles.

8. Association leaders have a legal and ethical obligation to adhere to the association's governing documents and abide by all applicable laws.

9. Association leaders seek an effective balance between the preferences of individual residents and the collective rights of property owners.

10. Association leaders and residents should be reasonable, flexible and open to the possibility—and benefits—of compromise.





Gardens of Gulf Cove Property Owners Association, Inc.

~ A Deed Restricted Community ~

** MEETING HIGHLIGHTS **

The following meeting information is unofficial and has not been approved by the Board of Directors. Once approved by the Board of Directors, the official meeting minutes are available at the Association office upon request.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Club House on November 12, 2014. President Jack Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Directors present in person: Jack Anderson, Jack Arlinghaus, Lucille Breen, Herman Dahl, Charles Petit, Fred Streif and Sandy Withrow; not present: John Arbogast and Martha Vanderbilt. A quorum was present. Also in attendance: Greg Smyth, Licensed Community Association Manager (LCAM) and Stacey Andersen, Assistant Manager.

- 1. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>
- 2. Set Agenda
- 3. Speaker on the Agenda Deputy Dan Cotton, Charlotte County Sheriff's Dept., not present, no report.
- 4. <u>Minutes</u>: Motion to accept the minutes as presented from the Regular Meeting of 10/08/2014 and the Agenda Workshop of 11/10/2014 made by H.Dahl, seconded by C.Petit. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. <u>Correspondence</u>: (none)
- 6. <u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Report given by H.Dahl.
- 7. <u>**RV Storage Lot Report**</u>: Report given by J.Arlinghaus, Chairperson.
- 8. Manager's Report: Report given by Greg Smyth, LCAM.
- 9. Streets & Drainage Report: Report given by Greg Smyth, Chairperson.
- 10. Committee Reports:
 - a. Activities:
 - i. Bocce: Ambrose Biondo, Chairperson, not present, no report.
 - ii. <u>Bowling</u>: Report given by L.Breen, Chairperson.
 - iii. Friends Out & About: Report given by H.Dahl, Chairperson.
 - iv. Garden & Beautification: Report given by Janet Anderson, Chairperson.
 - v. Shuffleboard: Bob Whitney, Chairperson, not present, no report.
 - vi. Tennis: Report given by Jack Kyle, Chairperson.
 - b. Audit Committee: Report given by Janet Anderson, Chairperson.

11. Old Business:

a) <u>2015 Budget</u>: Motion to accept 2015 Budget (\$332.75 per property) made by L.Breen, seconded by J.Arlinghaus. Motion carried unanimously.

12. New Business:

- a) <u>Resignation of Community Association Manager</u>: Motion to approve advertising for replacement manager carried unanimously.
- b) Special Meeting Notice for December 2014 & January 2015 to discuss assessments announced by J.Anderson.
- c) <u>Revised Employee Handbook</u>: Motion to accept Revised Employee Handbook made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by F.Streif. Motion to change "smoking" to "tobacco use" made by F.Streif, seconded by J.Anderson. Those in favor: J.Anderson, H.Dahl, C.Petit, F.Streif and S.Withrow; opposed: J.Arlinghaus and L.Breen. Motion carried.
- DMK Engineering proposal for sidewalk project: Motion to add a 10% cap on extras made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by L.Breen. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to accept proposal as amended made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by H.Dahl. Motion carried unanimously.
- e) <u>Credit Card System</u>: To be discussed another time per J.Anderson.
- f) <u>Community Yard Sale</u>: Scheduled for January 16 & 17 with advertising to be paid for by the Association and also allow two (2) banners at entrances (2'x8'). Janet Anderson to provide Rich Liebel a list of folding chairs in need of repair/weld.
- g) <u>Fining Hearing/Committee recommendations</u>: Motion to accept the Fining Committee recommendations of hearing dated 11/01/2014 made by J.Anderson, seconded by J.Arlinghaus. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Other Discussions:

- a) Interest in Yoga Class
- b) Online banking phishing scams
- 14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by S.Withrow. Motion carried unanimously.

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Gardens Residents Are Invited To A Potluck Dinner

Saturday, January 24, 2015 5:30 PM, at the Clubhouse



Entry fee for each couple (or single) is a favorite dish that Will serve 6 people plus 2 Non-perishable food items for the Charlotte County Food Pantry No fee for children under 12

> This is a non-profit event sponsored by the Garden & Beautification Committee.

For more information, please call: Janet Anderson 941-623-9116 or Carolyn Streif 941-204-0501

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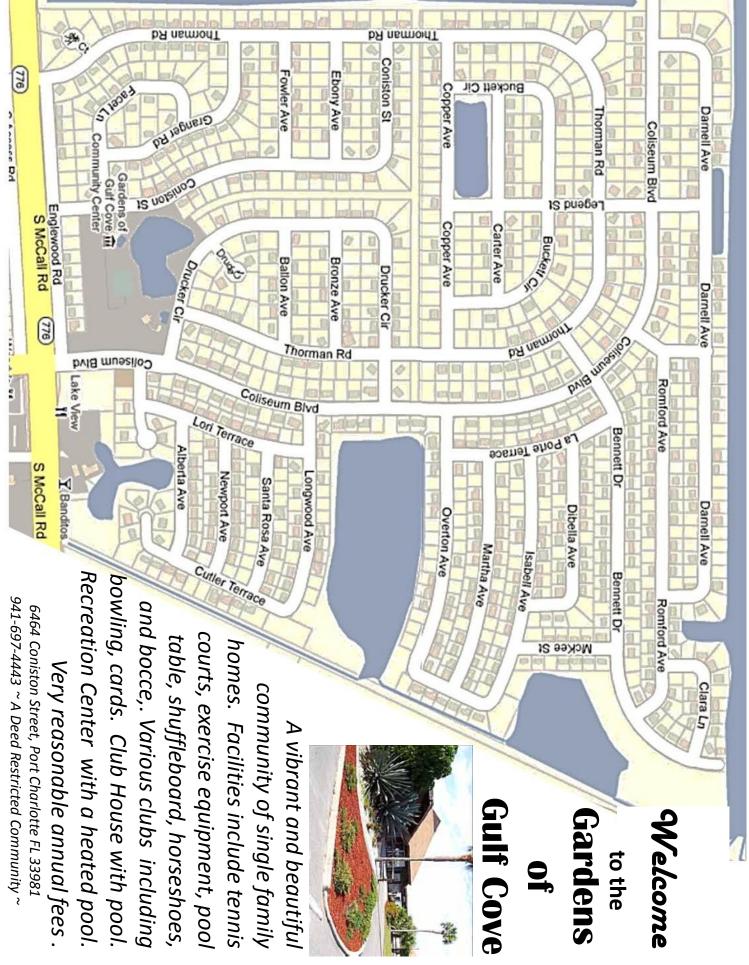
Being that our luncheon date falls on Christmas Eve we will not be meeting for December 2014

We wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Seasons Greetings To All

Our next luncheon is scheduled for Jan 28th 2015 Restaurant to be announced





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