

# **Gardens of Gulf Cove** Garden Spot Newsletter

November 2014

# Fellow Members of the Gardens of Gulf Cove,

November and we are moving forward to the annual return of many of our residents who spend the summer in cooler climate. We hope your travels go smoothly and without incident.

I want to thank everyone who voted, either for or against the proposed assessment increase. Although the increase of fifty-five dollars did not pass, the board approved at the October 8, 2014, board meeting the 10% allowed by our governing documents. The Board is going to move forward and we will work diligently on behalf of all owners in the Gardens to maintain and improve the community. As this is being written we are massaging the budget and looking for ways to meet our need. We have sufficient funds to move programs and projects forward through the first quarter and into the second. Once we pass that milestone we will need to begin again discussions on finding the resources to get major challenges completed.

As I drive around in the Gardens I see freshly painted houses, new owners, new plantings and a bright and beautiful community whose facilities welcome owners and guests. Where the tennis and shuffleboard courts are maintained, the horseshoe pit is rejuvenated, where the pools are fresh and clean where the bathrooms are maintained, where the value of houses has increased and where there are only a very few left to sell. This community offers great retirement homes supported by great facilities that are open and welcoming and is a "let me show you this community" stop for realtors.

This change come from hard work and dedication in tough times when the Board held the line on assessment in order to support owners in difficult straits. Times are indeed better today and yet there are things that must be done to maintain progress and meet demands of the new age. Ultimately we will have to decide as a community to support our community and provide the resources essential to retaining a strong position in the realty market.

I want to thank the members of the election committee and especially Tom Norris who year in and year out improves the process by creating a wonderful team dedicated to maintaining continuity and integrity in our elections and other voting opportunities.

Thanks again to all for participating in the balloting, for attending the meeting and to all those who provided guidance and support across the year.

Iohn W Anderson President Board of Director *GGCPOA* 



#### GARDENS OF GULF COVE POA, INC.

6464 Coniston St., Port Charlotte FL 33981

**Coniston Office** 

941-697-4443 Club House 941-698-9274 facsimile

**Coliseum Office** 

941-697-1211 Rec Center

email: gardensofgulfcove@gmail.com website: www.thegardensofgulfcove.com

- 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 Smyth**.....Licensed Community Association Manager Stacev Andersen...... Assistant Manager

#### 2014-2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**President:** John "Jack" Anderson 2017 term exp.

jackclss402@aol.com

941-623-9116

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breenb1@centurylink.net 2016 term exp.

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hhdahl@sbcglobal.net 2016 term exp.

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idarlinghaus@yahoo.com 2016 term exp.

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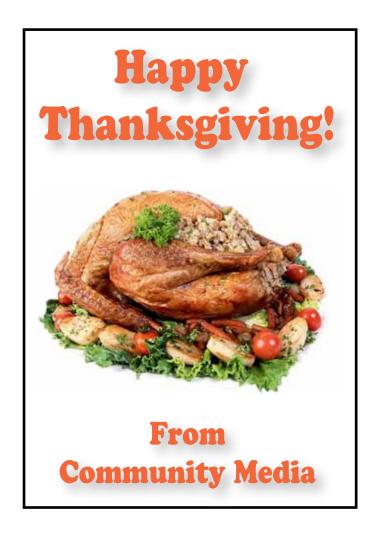
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## **IMPORTANT:**

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!

#### November 2014

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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 Thurs and /or Sun - before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

Odd number addresses may water on Wed and/or Sat - 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. During the first 30 days, watering is allowed on any day, however during the allowable hours (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 <a href="https://www.water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org">Water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org</a> 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).

# Things to look for in your lawn maintenance company

# Do they ...

- Display the required BMP Training Certification Decal on their equipment? (required after September 18, 2008).
- Use a minimum 50% slow-release nitrogen fertilizer product?
- Apply no more than the maximum allowable amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus?
- Use a deflector shield on all broadcast fertilizer spreaders?
- Remove grass clippings from the roadway, storm drains, and ditches?
- Promote the benefits of a low maintenance zone around water bodies?
- Maintain a 10' fertilizer-free zone around water bodies and wetlands, or three feet with a deflector?
- Refrain from applying nitrogen and phosphorus from June 1<sup>st</sup>-September 30<sup>th</sup>?

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY** 

Extension Service 941.764.4340 http://charlotte.ifas.ufl.edu





What you need to know about

Charlotte County's

Fertilizer

Ordinance



Ordinance No. 2011-017

The Charlotte County Fertilizer Ordinance was written in 2008 to allow for maintaining healthy landscapes while still keeping our water clean. The Ordinance was amended in 2011 with two important changes:

- No fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus may be applied from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> (Restricted Season) to turf or landscape plants.
- Additionally there is now a limit of no more than 4 pounds of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet per year total.

For more information on the Fertilizer Ordinance, and how you can maintain your yard as a Florida-Friendly landscape, please visit our website at <a href="http://charlotte.ifas.edu/horticulture/hort-fertilizer1.htm">http://charlotte.ifas.edu/horticulture/hort-fertilizer1.htm</a>.

#### Phosphorus Applications

Shall not exceed 0.25 pounds per 1,000 square feet at each application, and shall not exceed a total of 0.5 pounds per 1,000 square feet per vear.

#### Nitrogen Applications

Nitrogen fertilizer must contain at least 50% slow-release nitrogen. Calculate your fertilizer needs so that you apply 1 pound of actual N per 1,000 square feet per application.

#### Deflector Shields

If fertilizing within 3-10 feet from a water body or wetland, a deflector shield must be used on all broadcast spreaders. Fertilizer may not be applied within three feet of the water body or wetland.

#### Grass Clippings

No grass clippings, vegetative material, or vegetative debris may be deposited in stormwater drains, ditches, conveyances, water bodies, or roadways.

#### Low-Maintenance Zone

A 6-foot low maintenance zone of landscape plants appropriate to preventing fertilizer runoff is recommended for any water body or wetland.

#### Fertilizer-Free Zone

Fertilizer may not be applied within 10 feet of any water body or wetland (or 3 feet if a deflector shield is used). No fertilizer may be applied to impervious (non-porous) surfaces, and any spillage must be removed.

#### Commercial Fertilizer Applicators

All applicators of fertilizer (except homeowners on their own property) must receive training and certification in a Charlotte County-approved Best Management Practices (BMP) training program.

Contact Charlotte County Extension Service (941.764.4340) for training opportunities.

#### Enforcement

Enforcement actions will take place through the use of county code enforcement procedures or civil penalties.

This Ordinance applies to both homeowners and those who apply fertilizer commercially within unincorporated Charlotte County.

#### Restricted Season

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#### **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 October 8, 2014. President Jack Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Directors present in person: Jack Anderson, Jack Arlinghaus, Herman Dahl, Martha Vanderbilt and Sandy Withrow; present via teleconference: Fred Streif; not present: John Arbogast, Lucille Breen and Charles Petit. A quorum was present. Also in attendance: Greg Smyth, Licensed Community Association Manager (LCAM) and Stacey Andersen, Assistant Manager.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Set Agenda
- 3. Speaker on the Agenda Report given by Dep. D.Cotton, Charlotte County Sheriff's Dept.
- **4.** <u>Minutes</u>: Motion to accept the minutes as amended of the Regular Meeting of 9/10/2014 and the minutes of the Agenda Workshop of 10/06/2014 made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by H.Dahl. Motion carried unanimously.
- **5.** Correspondence: none
- **6.** <u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Report given by H.Dahl.
- 7. RV Storage Lot Report: Report given by J.Arlinghaus, Chairperson.
- **8.** Manager's Report: Report given by G.Smyth, LCAM.
- 9. Streets & Drainage Report: Report given by G.Smyth, Chairperson.
- 10. Committee Reports:
  - a) Audit Committee: Report given by Janet Anderson, Chairperson.
  - b) Activities:
    - i. Bocce: Ambrose Biondo, Chairperson, present, no report.
    - ii. Bowling: Report given by L.Breen, Chairperson.
    - iii. Friends Out & About: Report given by Helen Dahl.
    - 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.
  - c) Covenants & Restrictions:
    - i. <u>Compliance Committee</u>: The Compliance Officer continues to send out violation letters and fining notices.
    - ii. Fining Committee: Hearings are held the first Saturday of each month. Fining recommendations are found under New Business.
  - d) Maintenance Committee: no report.

#### 11. Old Business:

a) Amendment to the Minutes of the Board of Directors of November 13, 2013: Motion to amend the minutes of the 11/13/2013 Board of Directors Meeting to reflect Audit Committee suggestions of November 2013 made by J.Anderson, seconded by J.Arlinghaus. Motion carried unanimously.

Recess: 7:31pm Reconvene: 7:48pm

#### 12. New Business:

- a) Engineering Study for Handicap Sidewalks: Motion to accept the proposal from DMK Engineers made by F.Streif, seconded by J.Arlinghaus. Motion carried unanimously.
- b) <u>Fining Hearing/Committee recommendations</u>: Motion to accept Fining Committee recommendations from the October 2014 Fining Hearings made by J.Anderson, seconded by H.Dahl. Motion carried unanimously (F.Streif was disconnected prior to vote).
- 12. <u>Adjournment</u>: Motion to adjourn at 7:59pm made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by H.Dahl. Motion carried unanimously.

The next Agenda workshop will be held on Monday, November, 2014, 7pm.
The next Board of Director's meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 7pm.
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A Special Meeting of the Membership was held at the Club House on October 8, 2014. President Jack Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Directors present in person: Jack Anderson, Jack Arlinghaus, Herman Dahl, Martha Vanderbilt and Sandy Withrow; present via teleconference: Fred Streif; not present: John Arbogast, Lucille Breen and Charles Petit. A quorum was present. Also in attendance: Greg Smyth, Licensed Community Association Manager (LCAM) and Stacey Andersen, Assistant Manager.

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

2. Election Committee: Voting closed.

Meeting recessed at 7:04pm by J.Anderson, President. Meeting called to order at 7:31pm by J.Anderson, President.

3. **Certify Quorum**: 345 in person or by proxy

4. **Voting Results**: Yes: 161 No: 182

Therefore, the Board of Director's request for a general assessment increase is defeated.

- 5. If request fails, Board may consider increase of the general assessment to no more than 10% in accordance with our Covenants & Restrictions Article VI, Section 5. Motion to increase the annual assessment 10% (\$30.25) made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by H.Dahl. Those in favor: J.Anderson, J.Arlinghaus, H.Dahl, F.Streif, and S.Withrow; Opposed: M.Vanderbilt. Motion carried.
- 6. Consider a special assessment
- 7. Amendment to the Rules & Regulations (e.g. Pool Rules): Motion to amend the Rules & Regulations to include no use of swim fins, pools closed ½ hour before sunset, and under 14 years of age may use large billiard table with parental supervision made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by H.Dahl. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:49pm made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by S.Withrow. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

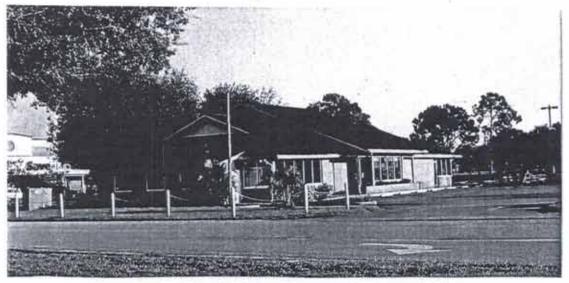
John D. Arlinghaus Secretary

# FRIENDS OUT AND ABOUT

Luncheon

Wednesday November 26 1:00PM

Stefano's Family Restaurant 401 Indiana Av. S Englewood



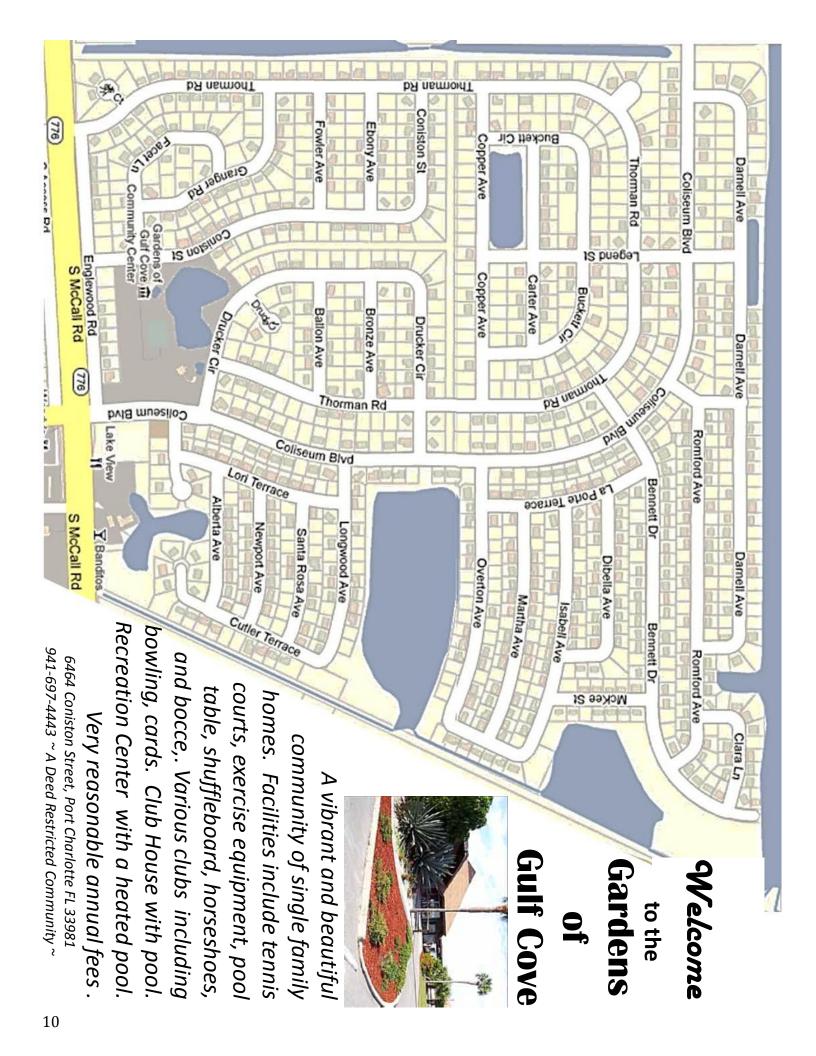
Come join friends and neighbors All residents and their guests welcome

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By Monday November 24<sup>th</sup> To Herman 941 697-0424

For those who would like an early Thanksgiving Dinner Turkey will be available

Directions; 776 west past Pine St and then past Beach Rd restaurant is on right hand side by Sears and Bell's Outlet



#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Toward sunset
- 5. Set straight
- 10. Minor quarrel
- 14. Initial wager
- 15. Cowboy sport
- 16. Dwarf buffalo
- 17. Lingo
- 19. Russian emperor
- 20. An uncle
- 21. Optical maser
- 22. Attendance counter
- 23. Untanned hide
- 25. Descendant
- 27. Honest Lincoln
- 28. Exhaustive
- 31. The language of Persia
- 34. Balderdash
- 35. Genus of macaws
- 36. Salt Lake state
- 37. Exalt
- 38. Blend
- 39. Drunkard
- 40. Hotel employee
- 41. Make improvements
- 42. Enthusiastic
- 44. Grippe
- 45. Fertile areas
- 46. Floating wreckage
- 50. Craze
- 52. Inexpensive
- 54. 3 in Roman numerals
- 55. "Oh my!"
- 56. Huskiness
- 58. A period of discounted prices
- 59. Ancient unit of dry measure
- 60. Leer at
- 61. Pay attention to
- 62. Coarse-grained
- 63. Ale

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- 2. Colonic
- 3. Scatter
- 4. One more than nine
- 5. Colonnade
- 6. Wingless
- bloodsucking insect
- 7. Doing nothing
- 8. Gear changing device
- 9. Neither
- 10. Skin pattern
- 11. Suggest
- 12. A young horse
- 13. Anagram of "Fear"

- 22. "Your majesty"
- 24. Chop finely
- 26. Replicate
- 28. Attempted
- 29. Smile
- 30. Not soft
- 31. Bother
- 32. At the peak of
- 33. A type of
- explanation
- 34. It helps to see the
- 37. A romantic meeting
- 38. Porn

- 40. Brand of credit card
- 41. Run away to wed
- 43. Lifted
- 44. Tastelessly showy
- 46. Not domesticated
- 47. Blockade
- 48. Passageway
- 49. Cheapskate
- 50. Sitcom set in Korea
- 51. Wings
- 53. Laugh
- 56. Skirt's edge
- 57. Wealthy person
- (British slang)

November Crossword





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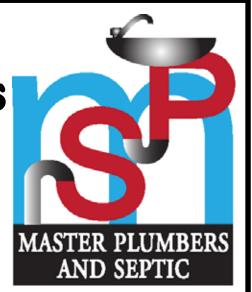
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