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Remember to Summerize your Unit if you are leaving for a lengthy time. Safe travels for those leaving. Summer's lazy - hazy days are soon upon us. Now... where is that picnic basket??

Cool Runnings...keep smiling,
Pat Bourquin

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be...Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be...

Thank you, Don Everly

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH:

29 Karaoke Practice 11:00-12:30 CH1

APRIL:

1 Envelopes due to Office for Karaoke
4 Board Work Session 10:00 CH1
6 Karaoke (Murray, MacKeigan, Wilson, Wilson)
11 Board Meeting 10:00 CH1
12 Fiesta Friday (Antle, MacPhee, Brown)
18 Comet Deadline
26 Comet Distribution

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee and the Condo. Association have shared the purchase of ten (10) armed chairs for use at events and meetings in CH1. These chairs are provided for use by **individuals with disabilities** who may need the extra assistance of armed chairs to sit and stand.

Please view event pictures on our GHC Website: www.gulfharborscondos.com
Send event pictures that you want posted on the website to: ghc.webmaster2018@gmail.com


Please help by joining in to help with activities. It is a good way to meet and greet new friends.
Bill Bourquin: 440-465-5394 OR ghc.recreation@gmail.com

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

BOCCE: Gunther Thomas 727-845-1754 Tues. and Fri. 9:30 a.m.
BRIDGE: Mary and Don Kinnander: 763-515 3347 Tues. 7:00 p.m. CH1 call if interested
CRIBBAGE: Walter Hanam 727-312-3609 Tues. 7:00 p.m. CH1 (ends April 2nd)
EUCHRE: Bill Galley 727-846-1612 7:00 p.m. Mon. CH1 (ends April 15th)
HAND & FOOT: Pat Fagerson 727-505-9336 Wed. 6:30 in CH #1. (ends April 24th)
KARAOKE: Rhonda Brown 727-807-3532
MEN'S CARDS: McGivern 727-817-1302 Wed. 6:00-9:00 p.m. CH2
SHUFFLEBOARD: Don Everly 727-312-4411 Mon. & Thurs. 1:00 p.m. (ends April 18th)
STRETCH/ FLEX/ BALANCE: Mon. 9:00 a.m. CH1. (ends April 15th)
SWIMNASTICS: Diane Ross 727-842-9332 Tues. Thurs. and Sat. 10:00 a.m. Pool 1

ACTIVITY AND EVENT NOTES

BLOCK PARTY: \$7.00 at the Gate. Dinner: Brat/HotDog, chips, sauerkraut, beans, beer and set-ups. We will dance to the music of "The Bendy's". No refunds. Rain...no,no,no-party moves to CH1. Join in the fun!! Binder, Bourquin, Hanam, Olan and GHC Rec. Committee

APRIL KARAOKE: Sat. APRIL 6TH 8:00-11:00 p.m. CH1. \$4.00 Doors open at 7:30. Ticket price covers beer, soda, ice and set up. Come join in the fun, sing, dance or clap. Bring other refreshments and munchies! Great time with others. Come practice to see what this is all about.
Practice Friday MARCH 29TH 11:00 – 12:30. CH1. 

Karaoke Tickets: For GHC residents and In-House guests. Deposit at the Office **on or before 12:00 noon, Mon. APRIL 1st**. Use a small envelope with your **U.S. Bank** check for **\$4 per person**. Hosts: Murray, MacKeigan, Wilson, Wilson

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

Ticket PICK UP: CH1 Tues April 2nd from 1-2:30 p.m. or at the door on the night of Karaoke. Table assignments posted on Bulletin Board across from CH1. ***No tickets will be sold or picked-up at the office.***

T.G.I.F. THANK GOODNESS IT'S FIESTA! Friday April 12th 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Pool # 2. \$4.00. Door prizes, 50/50, Beer, Soda and **MARGARITAS!!!** Please bring a snack to share. **ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY-** April 8th 10:00 am April 10 & 11 1:00 All ticket sales are in CH1. CH1 Antle, Brown, McPhee

BOOK CLUB: We are set for Book Club 2019-2020. **Jan.:** Beneath the Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan and The Little Old Woman who Broke all the Rules by Catherina Ingelman Sundberg. **Feb.:** Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens and The Day the World Came to Town by Jim DeFede. **Mar.:** No Time for Good-Bye by Linwood Barclay. Enjoy a summer of reading!!!!

NOTES AND THANK YOUS

A big thank you to all who helped to make the **Card/Party Luncheon** a success. A special thanks to Marguerite Olan, who stepped in and took over the day of the party for me, after I was called out of town. I understand she did a wonderful job! Also, thanks to all who volunteered their time, baking skills and for being there. Before I retired, I was employed at our local chamber of commerce. Their previous slogan was, "A Special Blend of People." I know that this also reflects the people here at Gulf Harbors. Thanks again. Shirley Ward

Yard Sale: Kudo's to the Great Team who kindly volunteered to help. Couldn't have done it without you. Many thanks to the residents who donated and bought items which made our sale a success. We cleared \$861.83 which is given to the Recreation Committee to be used for the activities we all enjoy. The unsold items are donated to the Salvation Army. My thanks to each and everyone. Retiring Yard Sale Coordinator, Donna Murphy

BOCCE GAME DAY REORT: Thanks to everyone who helped with, participated in and spectated at Bocce Game Day this year. From - Taking care of the courts, getting the supplies, set-up, check in at the gate, doing the draw, working the Grill, serving lunch to clean-up - **THANK YOU!!!!** It takes many, many of us helping to make an event run smoothly. The **1st Place Team:** Linda Schissel, Gerald

MacKay, Butch Dunaway and Kathy Manware. **2nd Place Team:** Heather MacKay, Bob Schissel, Don Ricciardella and Dick Doyle. Congratulations to everyone for another Super Day!!!
Pat Bourquin and Ernie Wilson

Thank you to those who sent cards and offered expressions of condolences on the passing of John's mother, and also, those who provided rides to and from the airport. They are sincerely appreciated.
John and Shirley Ward

Thank you for all the cards and well wishes on the passing of my father, Don Gilbert, F105. He certainly loved coming to Gulf Harbors every winter. He loved golfing, while he was able to play, he loved the sunshine, he loved walking the channel, sitting outside talking to everyone who walked by, and he especially loved all the good friends he made here. A Memorial Service will be held for Don in DuBois, PA on May 11, 2019 at Luigi's Villas from 2-4pm. All are welcome.
Daughters, Cindy Mackin and Susan Raiford

Victoria Panetti, long-time resident of A-203 passed away March 7, 2019. A celebration of life will take place for her at Meadowlawn Funeral Home 4244 Madison St., New Port Richey at 10:30 a.m. Saturday March 30th with a luncheon immediately following the service at GHC CH#3.

NEW OWNERS

V7 #101 Michael and Lisa Camera of New Port Richey, FL. formerly owned by Laurel Krencik
T #104 Tracy Reynolds of Alamosa, CO. formerly owned by John Izzi
F #201 Richard A. Siena of Middletown, CT. formerly owned by Sarah Moreno
F #108 Maura Kinane of Breezy Point, N.Y. formerly owned by Howard and Gail Lohmann
T5 #202 Thomas J. Pirtman and Helen M. Karcinski of Port Richey, FL. formerly owned by Raymond and Virginia Kentra
T5 #203 Vance and Carol Stone of New Port Richey, FL. formerly owned by Mario Franciscovich

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

*** **NOTE:** watch the Bulletin Boards for any changes or Special meeting dates.
ALL Residents are encouraged to attend.

BOARD DATES SCHEDULED 2019

APRIL

4 – Work Session
11 - BOARD MEETING

MAY

2- Work Session
9- BOARD MEETING

JUNE

6- Work Session
13 - BOARD MEETING

Message from the Board President

As this fiscal year draws to an end, I would like to update GHC residents on some of our many accomplishments this season, 2018-2019.

Grounds

As everyone can see, there has been an appreciable improvement in our grounds over the past year. Our main grounds keeper, Jim, and the grounds committee are working very hard to bring our grounds back to the standard that we expect. We aren't there yet, but we are well on the road to recovery.

Villas 4-8 Restoration

These renovations have begun and are taking a little longer than we had hoped. We are working with the Engineering firm and the General Contractor, and expect this work to be completed within the next few weeks.

Budget & Other New Projects

Our Treasurer, Fred Moffett, did an excellent job this past year of monitoring and keeping our budget in line. With a complex of our size and age, we always seem to have new issues arise. It is recommended that manholes and waste infrastructure need to be pumped and cleaned every 3-4 years. Our manholes and waste infrastructure have never been cleaned in our 40-50 year history. On top of that, the common uses of Sink Garbage Disposal systems dump tons of food waste into our system, which is a breeding ground for rodents and bugs. Many buildings are presently dealing with the intrusion of these pests in condos. We are commencing two projects to combat these issues.

1. In phase one (Jasper Drive), D&D Excavating Inc. will be installing “Back Check Valves” on the sewer lines to prevent rodents and bugs from entering buildings.
2. Also in phase one (Jasper Drive), “All South Underground” have been contracted to clean the sewer lines and manholes in this area.

This section has been most heavily affected by rodents and bugs. When phase one is complete, we will have a better understanding of the condition of our sewer lines and manholes. We will then use this information to more accurately forecast the requirements to move forward with the next phases to complete this work for all of GHC ASAP.

Summarize Your Condo

As a reminder for all of the Snowbirds and others that are leaving for an extended period of time, please “summerize” your condo. This means turning off the water supply line, adding bleach to your toilet bowls, and placing Saran Wrap over your toilet bowls and tanks. All of your sinks, showers and tub drains should also be sealed. A dry drain or toilet bowl provides easy access for pests. Preferably you should contract someone to check your place on a regular basis.

Declaration Amendment VOTE

We are in the midst of a vote to update our outdated Declaration. If you haven’t already voted, we strongly encourage you to do so. You can vote electronically or via a paper ballot. Many residents have opted to sign up and vote by “EZ-Vote” electronic voting, and are impressed with how easy it is to use. If you have not voted, you can get an OPT-IN form from the office to vote electronically, OR you can get a paper ballot from the office, if you haven’t already received one. There are a team of volunteers canvassing residents who have not voted to encourage them to voice their opinion. This is a VERY important vote for GHC.

Diane Barkey
GHC Board President

OWNERS ONLY WEBSITE

*Many owners have signed up to the **Owners Only** Website*

There you can read; Work Session Notes, approved Board Meeting Minutes, review GHC Financial Statements, read the Strategic Plan and much more...

Pick up in the office - your - Web Access Authorization sign-up Form

Complete Website Access Authorization Form - and return the form to the office so we have your proper email address and your signed request for access to the ***private website*** – on file.

NEXT: Press the “**Owners Only**” button on our existing website page. You will *be linked to the private access site.*

Click “**sign up**” - if this is your first time.

LAST: Enter the **email address you included on your form** and create your own password.
Your Request will be verified against your completed / signed form on file.

Now you will be approved to access the **Owners Only** private section of our website.

SPECTRUM BULK TV SERVICE !!

As a Resident of Gulf Harbors Condos, you are entitled to one free **TV Box**, to watch your television.

A **TV Box** is required for each TV, to receive Spectrum TV Channels.

Call Spectrum at **1-855-222-0102** – ASK for their Bulk TV Team. Give the representative **your GHC civic address** as our GHC addresses have been entered into their system to identify you as part of the Bulk TV Service program.

With Our **Bulk TV service** with the TV Box you are entitled to Spectrum Packages of: *Spectrum TV Basic, TV Select and TV Bronze.* (TV Bronze is **Spectrum Digital Tier 1.** It is the Silver package listed on their website, without the Movie channels). Additional TV boxes are an additional cost to you as well as other additional channels, movie channels etc. *Your Internet and Phone rates may change at any time. Exception is our Bulk TV rate on Contract.*

Note: If you are advised that your address is not entered in their bulk TV system, please call our GHC office and advise Cindy. The office will contact Spectrum to ensure the address is then added.

CAM CORNER



As a follow up to my CAM's Corner message in March, we are asking that all residents familiarize themselves with our Rules and Regulations. For the overall benefit of everyone, our CPO staff will be reminding people about infractions. Some common infractions are; improper parking, parking without registration decals, obtaining parking pass for guests, unsuitable clothing going to/from the pool areas, and walking dogs along the channel. We ask that you read and follow our rules and regulations for the respect of your friends and neighbors. It is the responsibility of all owners to ensure that tenants receive a copy of our rules and regulations.



MAINTENANCE CORNER

The Manhole System at Gulf Harbors Condos has never been cleaned. This is causing issues for our sewer systems. The Board of Directors has approved a project to begin cleaning them in a phased approach. Prior to this project, we will be installing back water valves to minimize bugs and rodents from entering condos.

We have determined the first part of the project as Phase 1: which is all of Jasper Dr. through to the end of Jasper out to Marine Parkway for a cleaning and flushing process, to begin the first week of April. If you are leaving for the summer season, we are asking all owners to be prepared by closing the drains on ALL SINKS,

TUB/SHOWER DRAINS - using stoppers or placing a plastic lid with a heavy object on top to ensure no sewer gases, bugs etc. enter your condo.

Toilets should also be made ready. Ensure the toilet tank has water in it. Toilet bowls also NEED water and add BLEACH to the Bowl (not the TANK). If you are leaving your condo for an extended period of time, ensure both the TANK & BOWL have plastic wrap over them to keep the water from evaporating. DRY TOILETS allow bugs and rats to enter your home. This is an ongoing issue at GHC.

If you are not able to ready your unit for this work effort, please contact someone local who can complete these steps for you. It is VERY IMPORTANT to make sure your condo is prepared before we start this project.

Message from the Community Patrol Security Committee

When you are traveling this summer season, please drive safely!

BE SURE to weatherproof your condo for the Hurricane Season. If you have questions, please pick up a copy of the GHC Hurricane Preparedness document from the office. If you are going away REMOVE ALL Outside furniture, flower pots, etc. so your personal items Do not become projectiles in the WIND!

“Contact Police if you see something suspicious.”

For - EMERGENCIES call **911 NON-Emergencies call **727-847-8102****

Always - Call the Police first and then call community patrol!!

THINGS TO KNOW AT GHC

****PHONE BOOKS:** Real phone books are available for pick-up in the Office.

****PARKING:**

PLEASE DO NOT PARK vehicles over the sidewalk. Wheelchairs and scooters will Thank you!

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

****ALARM:** There is a Defibrillator at CH1. ALARM SOUNDS-CALL OFFICE.

****RECYCLING: Cans & Paper** - Recycling station for Aluminum CANS at CH3, 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 so there is 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 SUNSHINE REPORT:** If you know of anyone who has been ill or has passed away, please notify Pat Fagerson @ 727-505-9336.

****SUGGESTION BOX:** Located 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 Spectrum Customers– email and password are needed to log on.

****VEHICLE WASHING: Fridays 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!
There is NO Smoking in the POOL Areas.

****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. Please call: Pat Fagerson at # 727-505-9336.

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