

Fellow Members of the Gardens of Gulf Cove POA,

We sincerely hope that you all are well and enjoying the beginning of fall. We hope as well you are in the planning stage for your return to the Gardens of Gulf Cove.

As you read this Garden Spot you should already have a letter advising you that the September 10th meeting of the Board of Directors will include discussion of the 2015 budget and funding of the budget for the year. The Board will be whether to raise the annual assessment and whether there needs to be a special assessment in order to complete the tasks in the budget. Included with your letter was a mark up budget with a partial break out of some projects and the financial obligations for the day-to-day operation of the Association presenting an outline of the funds required.

Over the past four years the Board of Directors has worked diligently to not raise the annual assessment relying instead on special one-time assessments to accomplish major projects such as the replacement of the pool heaters and the replacement of the pool pit at the Club House. This approach to funding the community's needs and on going expenses, as well as for unexpected major issues with equipment and facilities, to become dependent on the return of a robust economy and the sale of homes with substantial obligations to the Association. Some of the recovered funds were indeed substantial (some in the \$8,000 range and at least one in the \$20,000 range) and we spent those funds on the unfunded emergencies, the nice to do projects that needed to be addressed (like new kitchen cabinets at the Club House, rebuilding the kitchenette in the Rec center, a severe leak in the recreation center office and more) and to erase some of the professional costs essential to reclaiming these funds and to finance the legal issues surrounding the lot at 776 and Coniston. This strategy enabled the Board not to increase the annual assessment but at the same time improve the community's facilities and meet challenges unforeseen.

The increased sale of property in the Gardens and recent legal decisions elsewhere-in Florida have dried up that additional source of funds. In short we will no longer be able to count on these funds. Changing fortune has brought us to the realization that the Association must return to its traditional source of funding by addressing the annual assessment gap the past four years without an increase put in place. Failure to attack this issue this year will result in a funding gap that will balloon over the course of the next five years and result in substantially higher costs to each homeowner. This will also prevent maintaining the community property in good operating order making the Gardens a prized location in our area.

It is also time for our community to set in place a contingency fund that will build a solid financial reserve to address routine but significantly large issues such as new roofs for our facilities, complete replacement of a facility whose age has become problematic and beyond repair and other untold problems. The Board intends to begin this process by placing a substantial amount of the funds from the development of the lot on Coliseum and 776 into such a reserve account. Each year going forward the Board will dedicate funds to grow this account thereby enabling the Gardens to meet financial emergencies with fewer traumas.

The issues covered in the mailing and in this open letter will dominate the meeting on September 10, 2014 at 7:00PM in the Club House. The members of the Board want to encourage you to attend the meeting on September 10, 2014 and hope to see you there.

<u>John W. Anderson</u> President, 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 Stacey Andersen.....Assistant Manager

2014-2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President: John "Jack" Anderson 2017 term exp. jackclss402@aol.com 941-623-9116 Vice President: Lucille Breen breenb1@centurylink.net 2016 term exp. 941-697-3809 **Treasurer:** Herman Dahl hhdahl@sbcglobal.net 2016 term exp. 941-697-0424 John "Jack" Arlinghaus Secretary: 2016 term exp. jdarlinghaus@yahoo.com Director: **John Arbogast** 2015 term exp. **Charles Petit Director:** 2015 term exp. **Fred Streif Director:** 2017 term exp. Martha Vanderbilt **Director:** 2015 term exp. 941-697-1430 **Director:** Sandy Withrow mamawithrow@comcast.net 2017 term exp.

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ATTENTION PET OWNERS!

Please do not allow your pet to wander onto private property while out walking the community. Some pet owners are allowing their pups to "do their business" in others yards and leaving it for that property owner to clean up! If you do walk your pet on

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Association property, please carry a bag and pick up the fecal matter.

The community documents, as well as Charlotte County Code requires fecal matter be removed immediately. Please do your part, because failure to do so may result in an invitation to a Fining Hearing!

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!

September 2014

Englewood, Florida, USA

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Daylight Saving/Summer Time is in effect for the entire month. Courtesy of www.SunriseSunset.com

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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).

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 1st-September 30th?

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





What you need to know about

Charlotte County's Fertillizer

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Ordinance No. 2011-017

Your lawn 9

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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 1st to September 30th (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 <u>http://charlotte.ifas.edu/horticulture/hort-fertilizer1.htm</u>.

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 year.

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. http://charlotte.ifas.ufl.edu

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 August 13, 2014. President Jack Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Directors present in person: Jack Anderson, Jack Arlinghaus, Herman Dahl; present via Skype: Fred Streif; not present: Lucille Breen, Charles Petit, Martha Vanderbilt, Sandy Withrow. 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 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 7/09/2014 and the Agenda Workshop of 8/11/2014 made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by H.Dahl. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. <u>Correspondence</u>: Tom Norris, Chairman of Fining Committee
 - Savior Lutheran Church
 - Treasurer's Report: Report given by H.Dahl.
- 7. <u>**RV Storage Lot Report**</u>: Report given by J.Arlinghaus, Chairperson.
- 8. <u>Manager's Report</u>: Greg Smyth, LCAM not present, report given by J.Anderson.
- 9. Streets & Drainage Report: Greg Smyth, Chairperson, not present, no report.
- 10. <u>Committee Reports</u>:
- a. Activities:

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- i. <u>Bocce</u>: Ambrose Biondo, Chairperson, not present, no report.
- ii. <u>Bowling</u>: L.Breen, Chairperson, not present, no report.
- iii. <u>Friends Out & About</u>: Report given by H.Dahl, Chairperson.
- iv. <u>Garden & Beautification</u>: Report given by Janet Anderson, Chairperson.
- v. <u>Shuffleboard</u>: Bob Whitney, Chairperson, not present, no report..
- vi. <u>Tennis</u>: Report given by Jack Kyle, Chairperson.
- b. Audit Committee: Report given by Janet Anderson, Chairperson

c. Covenants & Restrictions:

- i. <u>Compliance Committee</u>
- ii. <u>Fining Committee</u>: Hearings are held the first Saturday of each month. Fining recommendations are found under New Business.

11. Old Business:

- a) Draft Budget for 2015:
 - i. Sidewalk engineering
 - ii. Salary & Wages: Motion to increase wages by 3% made by J.Anderson, seconded by J.Arlinghaus. Those in favor: J.Anderson, J.Arlinghaus, F.Streif and J.Arbogast; opposed: H.Dahl. Motion carried.
 - iii. Handicap restroom at Rec Center
 - iv. Update facility restrooms
 - v. Club House flooring

12. New Business:

- a) <u>McDonald's \$\$</u>: Motion to deposit \$60,000 of the \$75,000 received from developer for McDonald's into a separate contingency account with expenditure subject to Board approval made by J.Anderson, seconded by J.Arlinghaus. Motion carried unanimously.
- b) <u>Revise Covenants & Restrictions, Article X, Section IV: Rental Restrictions</u>: Tabled until September Board meeting by J.Anderson.
- c) <u>Fining Hearing/Committee recommendations</u>: Motion to accept the Fining Committee recommendations of hearing dated 08/09/2014 made by J.Anderson, seconded by H.Dahl. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Other Discussions:

- a) Request by property owners for stronger enforcement of pool/facility rules.
- b) Request by property owners for new lounge chairs for Club House pool.
- 14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by H.Dahl. Motion carried unanimously.

September Sudoku

How to play: The numbers 1 through 9 will appear once only in each row, column, and 3x3 zone. There are 9 such zones in each sudoku grid. There is only one correct solution to each sudoku. Good luck!

Difficulty level: medium.

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FRIENDS OUT AND ABOUT

Within our community we have several organizations devoted to the enjoyment of both our residents, their guests, renters, and those just visiting the community for either short or long stays. As the person in charge of the monthly luncheons I would like to let these people know how welcome they are to join us at the regular luncheons and how they operate. First, we are not a club but just a group of folks who like to go out to lunch at a planned restaurant and join others to discuss some of the days topics along with the events that are going on in the area. We are young, old, single, divorced, married and very interested in the happening that affect the Gardens of Gulf Cove.

Our primary objective is to go out to lunch and enjoy ourselves with the company of others. All of the restaurants chosen have been visited before and are chosen because the offer a variety of meals at lunch from a simple soup and salad, a sandwich to a full meal all at reasonable prices. Each individual or couple is responsible for their own bill so that no one is paying for someone having a cocktail or desert with their meal.

This get together has been going on for quite a few years and we have had some very responsible people in charge of the lunches. In most cases they themselves have been to lunch at the chosen location to make sure the meals are appropriate and the seating arrangements will suit those attending so as to make an enjoyable meal for everyone. The lunches are always the last Wednesday of the month and begin promptly at 1:00PM unless the last Wed is a holiday, in that case it is rescheduled.

The notices for the lunch are posted in the Rec Center, the Clubhouse, and at the two pools. The only requirement is that you call in advance to let the person making the reservations know as to whether you are attending so that seating arrangements may be made.

The person presently in charge of the group is Herman Dahl 941 697-0424 or the email is <u>hhdahl@sbcglobal.</u> <u>net</u>. We hope you will be able to join us in the future

FRIENDS OUT AND ABOUT

Luncheon

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Wednesday September 24 1:00PM

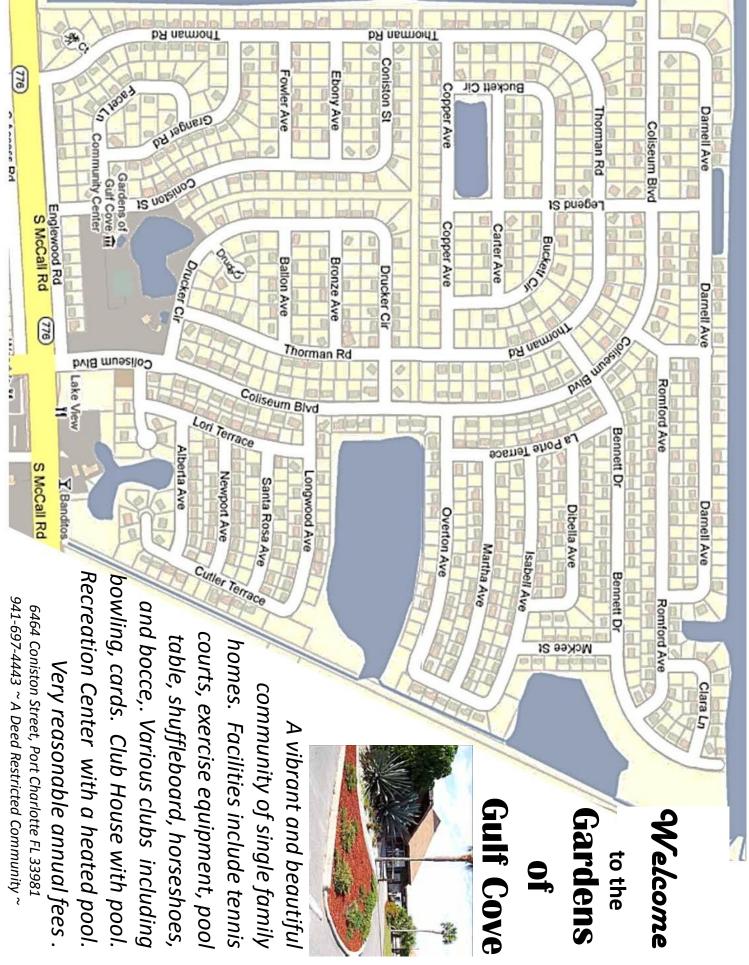
Villa Capri 8501 Placida Rd Placida



Come join friends and neighbors All residents and their guests welcome

PLEASE RSVP By Monday September 22nd To Herman 941 697-0424

Directions to this new location; 776 West to San Casa, turn left on San Casa and proceed to the end, turn left on Placida. Restaurant is on the left in a shopping center about 1/2 mile past Jonny Leverocks



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