



Greetings Gardens of Gulf Cove Residents! Earlier this year, when the State of Emergency was declared as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors swiftly acted in the interest of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the Gardens of Gulf Cove residents and staff. Facilities and Pools were closed, activities suspended, and normal office operations were halted. Gradual phased re-opening is in progress! The Board relies on information from the CDC, Health Department, Charlotte County, and State Officials. We have sought guidance from the association attorney and our insurance agent. Management has taken part in on-line forums that provide valuable insight as to how other associations are keeping residents safe.

The Gardens of Gulf Cove is now in **Phase 3 of COVID-19 opening** of community amenities.

For October, both pools and the Recreation Center continue to be open as normal. Continue to practice social distancing by keeping 6 ft apart. Our maintenance staff sanitizes regularly but it is expected that you sanitize your pool lounge before and after use. Be sure to sanitize before and after the use of Fitness equipment.

As of November 1, 2020:

- Guest(s) will be permitted according to the rule in place limit 2 guests per household. You cannot lend your individual pass to a guest. You must register your guest at the office and a "Guest Pass" will be issued.
- The Clubhouse building will have a soft opening limited to activities on Tuesdays and Thursdays only – scheduled in advance. Groups may reserve a time slot for one day only - not both days. The Clubhouse will not be open for private party rentals.
- The Clubhouse restrooms will be open for use 7 days a week.
- The management office will continue to be kept closed to walk-ins, by appointment only.

These rules are subject to change at any time and the opening of these amenities can change at any given time. Watch for updates via email and the Gardens of Gulf Cove official Facebook page.



We know this has been a trying time for everyone. Be assured that the Board of Directors, Management, and Staff are doing their best to re-open facilities and conduct association business in a safe manner.

Let's finish the last few months of 2020 with patience, a positive attitude, and renewed hope. Remember to be patient and kind, be grateful, and always look to the future for good things to come!

GARDENS OF GULF COVE POA, INC.
A Deed Restricted Community

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6464 Coniston St., Port Charlotte FL 33981

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Email: GardensOfGulfCove@gmail.com

Website: www.thegardensofgulfcove.com

Office Hours:

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Pool Hours:

October

8:30 am - 6:30 pm

November - December

8:30 am - 5:00 pm

GARDENS OF GULF COVE POA, INC

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STAY TUNED

Events and meetings sponsored by the **Activity & Community Improvement Club** are on hold pending the health crisis. It is important that we put safety first! Watch for announcements on NextDoor, Facebook and the Gardens Community website.

Here is an update on the status of events:

Community Yard Sale – Fri & Sat November 13 & 14 (8:00 am – 2:00 pm) It's a go!

December **Christmas Social** – cancelled

Friends Out and About Luncheons - we hope to resume starting February 2021. If all goes well luncheons will be scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. Restaurants to be determined.

Potluck – Sat., January 16, 2021 at the Clubhouse – on hold.

February Dance – Sat., February 20, 2021 at the Clubhouse – on hold.

Blood Drive – Sat., February 20, 2021 from 9:00–12:00 Rec Center parking lot – look for the Red Bus!

Pizza Party – Sat., March 20, 2021 at the Clubhouse – on hold.

Community Yard Sale – Fri & Sat, March 19 & 20 (8:00 am – 2:00 pm) Spring Sale!

**Activity and Community
Improvement Club
Meetings**

The Activity & Community Improvement Club plans to resume monthly meetings at the Clubhouse in 2021. The Club meets at 10:00 am on the 1st Thursday of each month as follows. All residents are Welcome!

- January 7, 2021
- February 4, 2021
- March 4, 2021
- April 1, 2021



November 13 & 14

(Friday and Saturday)

8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Winter months and Holidays are ahead! Now is a great time to clean out closets, garages, cabinets, etc. Make some extra cash by selling unwanted items – or spend time browsing for unique finds!

No need to sign up, just put your stuff out at the convenience of your own home!

Sponsored by the Activity & Community Improvement Club

Welcome Back **No Mat Yoga** with Janice Shattuck

Starting November 3
Tuesday mornings
8:30 am (Clubhouse)

Gentle range-of-motion exercises to Increase Mobility, Flexibility & Balance
Improve Posture & Breathing

Come on out and have Fun with us!
Seated Yoga
Progressive Sitting & Standing

FREE All Residents & their Guests only!
Bring Water & Towel
No mat needed - No reservations needed
Chairs placed at least 6 ft apart as recommended!

Gardens of Gulf Cove Clubhouse - 6464 Coniston St

Dancing Divas

Line Dancing is starting up November 5
Thursdays at 10:00 am
Get out your dancing shoes and join us
for some great fun!

Hosted by Joan Schmidt
845-332-5179

Gardens of Gulf Cove Clubhouse - 6464 Coniston St

Low Impact Exercise Class

Starting in November
Thursdays at 8:30 am
at the Clubhouse

Low Impact exercise for all age groups!
All exercises designed for standing & seated movement with accommodations for fitness level. Rev it up or keep in moderate, this class is for you!

Hosted by Cathy Martin
Call or text for further information 574-532-0103
Gardens of Gulf Cove Clubhouse - 6464 Coniston St

Make & Taste Cooking Club

RECIPE SHARE



November 24th (Tues.)
2 pm – 4 pm
The Gardens Clubhouse
6464 Coniston St

Bring your favorite sweet or savory Holiday recipe and a prepared sample (if you wish) to share. Refreshments will be provided such as coffee, apple juice & punch. Come and check out this Fun and Yummy club ... meet some new and old friends too!

Rachel Johnson, The Make & Taste Gal
509-389-3581 (text)





GAME NIGHT

Thursday, November 12

6:30^{pm} at the Clubhouse

BRING YOUR OWN

Bring a fun Game to Play!

Bring a Friend!

BYO Snack and Drink!

We have plenty of tables & chairs,
Corn hole & Bingo on hand!





Hosted by Brenda Bacon

Call for more info 941-830-8331

Gardens of Gulf Cove Clubhouse - 6464 Coniston St







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THANK YOU Volunteers!

We couldn't do it without you

To all our residents and volunteers that take the time to provide needed services, coordinate activities, spread cheer, support, and foster a caring attitude to this community. We appreciate YOU!

A special Thank You to the following Gardens of Gulf Cove residents:

Grace Werling – For leading the Low Impact Aerobics that so many of our residents have enjoyed for decades. Grace is stepping down from teaching this year, but we're sure to see her around! Grace nominated Kathy Martin to continue this ever-popular class.

Lucille Breen – For donating appliances to the Clubhouse kitchen!

Linwood Bacon – For being our trusted Gatekeeper. No doubt, you've seen him in the covered pavilion near the gate at the Rec Center pool. Linwood always has a friendly face, a cup of coffee, and his tablet. He helps with keeping our pools secure while his wife Brenda loves to swim and mingle.

Richard Liebel – For constructing new Basketball posts that were down due to heavy wind and corrosion. Richard constructed new sections of PVC pipe and resecured the backboards. Great job Richard!

Rob Johnson – For investigating how to bring our kitchen vent system up to County code, allowing us to make use of the stove that Lucille donated! *This will be a great asset at future Potlucks, Dinners and Make & Taste Cooking Club events!*

Sandy Withrow – For hand-making masks and making them available to residents in need.

We have a hardworking volunteer Board of Directors, election and compliance committees that work on a continuous basis to keep the association running. Volunteer members in the Gardens serve on the MSBU Advisory Board, attend meetings regarding County services such as road & drainage maintenance, waterway dredging, stormwater utility, and more. This is a wonderful community and our volunteers play a big part in making this the beautiful place it is. We give our volunteers a big hand for their hard work, dedication and commitment to their neighborhood & making the Gardens of Gulf Cove a great place to live!

A big Thank You to the essential workers and first responders that reside in our community. We can't say enough about all of you who are on the front lines as we battle the pandemic and unprecedented times.



MSBU Update!

A regular Meeting of the Gardens of Gulf Cove **Street & Drainage MSBU Advisory Board** has been scheduled as follows:

Date: October 9, 2020
Time: 10:00 am
Location: West County Annex
6868 San Casa Drive
Englewood, FL 34224

Residents wishing to provide public comment will be allowed to do so, but measures will be in place to limit room capacity and ensure all participants practice safe social distancing. Anyone wishing to address the Advisory Board during this portion of the meeting must state their name for the record. Remarks shall be limited to 3 minutes (max). Some items to be discussed include the speeding issue and budgeting for the projects needed.

The purpose of the MSBU (Municipal Service Benefit Unit) is to provide for the construction, reconstruction, repair, paving, repaving, hard surfacing, rehard surfacing, widening, guttering and draining of the platted streets in the geographical Unit, including the necessary appurtenances thereto, from funds derived from special assessments within the Unit only. This is what the \$350 Non Ad-Valorem item is about on your Tax Bill.

Advisory Board Members:

Chair: Colleen Carver
Vice-Chair: Raymond Forshee
Donna Sullivan
Martha Vanderbilt
Benjamin Sinclair

To learn more visit the MSBU on-line: charlottecountyfl.gov/msbu-mstu/gardens-of-gulf-cove

Kimberly Lewis-Tison, Community Liaison
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Compliance Corner Important Reminders!

Any residents not coming back at the usual time, be sure you have made necessary arrangements for lawn cutting, trimming & maintenance! We are happy to provide recommendations if you need any!

Hurricane Shutters Charlotte County Emergency Management, Sec. 2-1-44 states that Hurricane shutters cannot remain on residential property more than 30 days after the end of Hurricane season (remove by December 30, 2020). Please note that Permitted storm shutters, panels or other approved hurricane protection devices may remain on structures that are unoccupied.

Items that Require a Permit If you plan to install a fence, shed, garage, parking pad, gravel drive, patio, lanai, or any other structural item ... you are required to apply for a Permit which requires approval by Compliance and a Board Member. Application for permit can be found on our website under Documents & Forms, www.thegardensofgulfcove.com

NEW! Official Compliance Complaint form is available to print or complete on-line. All complaints will be kept confidential and handled in a timely manner. Forms must be completed entirely in order to be processed. This is the Gardens of Gulf Cove Board of Directors approved process for complaints to be addressed. You can easily complete the form on-line and submit, or download to print the form www.thegardensofgulfcove.com

- ***Thank you*** for your cooperation and support in helping to keep the Gardens of Gulf Cove looking beautiful all year long.



Zoom Meeting User Guide

The Gardens of Gulf Cove will be using Zoom for all future association meetings, even when Board meetings are open to attend in person. Zoom is a software application that runs on computers, tablets or smart phones but anybody that has a phone can still call in and participate! Please use only ONE device during the meeting so the audio does not echo. Be sure there are no external noises around you – and be wary of your background!

The Zoom Meeting ID will always be: 941 697 4443 The Meeting ID will be included in the meeting invitation along with a call-in telephone number for those without computers. There will be a PIN provided to you as well in the meeting invitation, you will need the PIN to access the meeting. The PIN will be different for every meeting.

- **The Gardens of Gulf Cove will send you an email invitation to the Meeting.** On your computer, about 5 minutes prior to start, click the **Join Meeting** link in the email invitation.
- If you have never used Zoom, you will be prompted to Open the app or Download the app. Either way, Zoom is free for viewers. The next screen will ask for your name. Please type both, your **FIRST** and **LAST** name in the Your Name field, then select **Join**.
- **When joining the meeting, you will be put into a Waiting Room.** The Host will be able to see that you are waiting. When you are Admitted into the meeting, your microphone will be Muted.
- Select your Video Preview preference. **Join with Video** is recommended. And when your camera is on, be aware of what it shows behind you. (You can use a custom background in Settings)
- Select **Join with Computer Audio**. Consider using an earbud with microphone on the cord - or a gaming headset to listen easily and speak without using hands.
- **Any owner wishing to speak will have a limited time to speak at a designated time.** Attendees wishing to speak must identify themselves and there will be a 3-minute time limit for speaking. An owner may speak on Agenda items only.
- **When the “floor” is opened to owners, we need to have one person at a time speaking so that person can be heard.**
Just use the Raise/Lower Hand button and the Host will recognize you in turn and will Unmute you. Please speak slowly and clearly as some participants will be on computers with varying Internet speeds and some will be on phones.
- **To maintain order of the meeting, if any participant talks for more than the allotted time, they will be Muted.**
If it continues and is disruptive to the meeting, the caller may be removed from the meeting. The association must be able to conduct business in an orderly fashion.

For Telephone Users - *6 toggles the Mute/Unmute *9 toggles the Raise/Lower Hand.

Additional Zoom features and training videos are available at:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-Video-Tutorials>

Board Meetings

Check the Association Business Bulletin Board located in the Club House for official notices and meetings. All property owners are encouraged to participate in the governance of your community.

Judy Hollister CAM
Community Association Manager

Gardens of Gulf Cove Website

Please refer to our website www.thegardensofgulfcove.com for information you may need such as governing documents, previous newsletters, meeting minutes, pool hours, office hours, announcements, activity calendar, photos of our amenities, contact information and more!



Aquasize



Aquasize class meets at the Recreation Center Pool, 10:00 am Monday, Wednesday & Fridays through October. Starting in November, class will meet an hour later at 11:00 am.



Billiards

Billiards players meet on Mondays at 1:00 pm in the Recreation Center.



Line Dancing is starting up on November 5 so get out your dancing shoes and join us every Thursday at 10:00 am at the Clubhouse for some great fun! Mark your calendars! For more information, call Joan Schmidt 845-332-5179. Days and times may change as we progress through COVID-19 phased reopening plans.



Low Impact Exercise

Low Impact Exercise class led by Cathy Martin, 8:30 am on Thursdays starting in November at the Clubhouse. All exercises will be designed for standing and seated movement with accommodations for fitness level. If you want to rev it up or keep it moderate this class is for you! For more info contact Cath Martin 574-532-0103. Day and time may change as we progress through COVID-19 phased reopening plans.



Chair Yoga

Starting back up in November! Every Tuesday 8:30 am at the Clubhouse. Janice Shattuck leads gentle range-of-motion exercises to increase mobility, flexibility & balance, improve posture & breathing. Bring water & towel. Day and time may change as we progress through COVID-19 phased reopening plans.

Please note a lot of activities have not scheduled a start-up yet. If you have a question about the status of any activity not seen here, please call the office 941-697-4443.

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Attention Community Residents

A Note From Your Newsletter Publisher:

We are **Community Media** – the publisher of your community newsletter.

We hope that you all are staying safe during the coronavirus pandemic. This is affecting many aspects of daily life for almost every American. Our office staff is following the CDC guidelines of staying home when not feeling well, seeking medical help when necessary, and washing hands constantly.

We encourage you to follow the same guidelines located at **coronavirus.gov**.

The phrase “**We’re all in this together**” is more meaningful now more than ever.

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This newsletter is FREE to your community because we partner with local and regional businesses to advertise their products and services in this newsletter.

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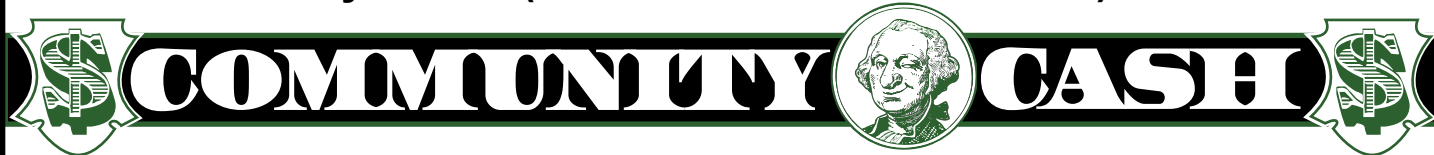
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