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www.gulfhARBORScondos.com

Thank you all for helping with and supporting the activities and each other here at GHC.

We are all trying to work to keep GHC in hand and up to par. See you around the complex. The 'hello' and 'how are you doing' are paying off. If you do not have someone to distribute the Comet to your building... maybe it could be you.

Cool Runnings! Keep Smiling!
Pat Bourquin

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Please send event pictures to our GHC website on page one. We are in need of a few chairpersons for all of our events to happen. Please help.

****Recreation Committee Meeting:** 1:00 p.m. Thurs. March 2nd .

Bill Bourquin: 440-465-5394 OR ghc.recreation@gmail.com

NOTES TO REMEMBER

Comet Fold/Staple/Send: Last Thurs. of month, 10:00 a.m. Office.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITY CONTACTS

Please let me know if you are interested in being the contact person for the activities left blank.

Bingo: Carl Ross and Don Everly

Bocce: Gunter Thomas 727-845-1754

Billiards: Bob Schissel 218-255-2583

Bridge: Mary and Don Kinnander 763-515-3347

Cribbage: Walter Hanam 727-232-2139

Euchre: Bill Galley 727-846-1612

Ladies Hand & Foot: Pat Fagerson 727-505-9336

Karaoke: Rhonda Brown 727-807-3532

Men's Golf: Don Lutyens 727-849-3773

Ping Pong:

Quilt and Sew: Linda Schissel 218-255-3583 Barb Silva 617-653-2102

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Stretch and Flex: Barb Silva 617-653-2102

Swimnastics: Diane Ross

Three Mile Walk: Vicki Shevlin 727-808-0735 Peggy Cacciola 201-638-1593

CHESS- Anyone interested in playing call Mario 727-815-8130

HAPPENING NOW!

KARAOKE PRACTICE+TICKET SALES: Fri. Feb. 24th CH1 11-12:30 p.m.

YARD SALE: GHC ANNUAL YARD SALE: Sat. Mar. 4th 8:00-1:00 CH3. Bring your items Thurs. Mar. 2nd and Friday Mar 3rd 8:00-2:00 p.m. As usual no sofa beds, TV's or large items. Sorry... No Pick-ups. Sign up Volunteer sheet in CH1. We need pricers, baggers, clean-up crew. Come to help/come to buy. All proceeds go to the GHC Recreation Committee

KARAOKE: Sat. March 4th 8:00-11:00 p.m. CH1. Doors open 7:30 p.m. **Open to GHC Owners, Renters and In-House guests Only.** A night of Singing, Dancing and FUN! Admission \$3.00. 50/50 Draw, Beer, Soda and Ice provided.

****Practice Session:** CH1 Friday Feb. 24th 11:00-12:30 p.m.

LIMITED TICKETS - PRE- SALE Tickets ONLY, with TABLE selection. Friday Feb. 24th & Mar. 3rd 11:00 -12:30 p.m. CH1.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Saturday Mar. 11th 8:00-10:30 a.m. CH1 \$4.00 at the door. Calling all Pancake, Egg and Sausage lovers. Come enjoy Breakfast at CH1 served by the friendly waiters and waitress of GHC. Bourquin, Olan, Shalla

ST. PATRICKS DAY TGIF Friday March 17th 2-5:00 p.m. Pool 2 BYOB Ice and set-ups provided. Join us for music, 50/50 and FUN! Please bring appetizers to share. ??’s call Jim O’Brien 585-406-0319 email: seamusob10@gmail.com

BOCCE GAME DAY: Sat. March 18th 9:30 a.m. Sign-in/Cap-Draw for Teams. Late? You miss the draw. Play starts at 10:00 a.m. **STARTING MARCH 6th:** Name(s) and \$2.00 per player in an envelope to Bocce Game Day Box in the Office. **Envelopes due by Tuesday. March 14th.** Envelopes collected daily-numbered-recorded. **64 spots** available! GHC Residents/Renters Only – in-house guests if spots available after March 14th. \$2.00 covers Hot Dog/Chips/Beverage and Game Day expenses. Spectators welcome-bring chairs-enjoy the morning. Hot Dog lunch available to non players for \$2.00 while supplies last. Wilson, Bourquin and GHC Rec. Com.

GHC BLOCK PARTY: Sat. March 25th 4:00-7:00 p.m. \$6 pre-sale \$7 at the Gate. Ticket sales: Mon. Mar. 20th 10:00-11:00 Tues. Mar. 21st 1:00-2:00 and Thurs. Mar. 23rd 1:00-2:00 All sales in CH1. Menu: Brat/Hot Dog, chips, sauerkraut, beans, beer, soda. We will be dancing to the music of “The Bendy’s”. Party held on Topaz Lane @ CH1. No refunds. Rain (no,no,no) party moves inside. Bourquin, Hanam, Kinnander, Olan, Wilson and GHC Recreation.

JULIET LUNCHEON: Thurs. Mar. 30th 12:00 p.m. **The Blue Oyster Restaurant** 1600 US Hwy. 19 @ Alt 19 Holiday, Florida. Sign-up sheet and Menu choices listed on Bulletin Board in CH1. . Limited seating. Passmore, Sharland, Stevenson

KARAOKE PRACTICE+TICKET SALES: Fri. March 31st CH1 11-12:30 p.m.

BINGO: Thurs. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Play starts at 7:00 p.m. CH1. Play all games for \$10.00. Hope to see you there! Carl Ross and Don Everly.

BRIDGE: Tues. 7:00 p.m. CH1 Experienced Bridge players needed. Join us on Tuesday nights. . If interested call Mary and Don Kinnander 763-515-3347

QUILT AND SEW: Mon. 1:00-4:00 p.m. CH1 Bring your machine, fabric, patterns & projects. We do have two machines for complex use, but best if you have your own to work on. We can make plans based on ideas shared. Linda Schissel and Barb Silva

BOOK CLUB REMINDER: Thurs. March 23rd 1:00 p.m. CH1 Library. Calling all readers and discussers! For March: The Orphan Train by Christine Baker Kline and Circling the Sun by Paula McLain. Bring your ideas! We are making plans for our next year’s reads.

ISLAND CRUISES AND KAYAK TRIPS: **A Note:** Bob wanted me to add that he is willing to book some GHC residents along with others if they want to go fishing and don't have 6 in the group (to lower their cost). Please use this copy

Island Paradise Charters

727-807-6955

There are 4 cruises booked for March & April through Island Paradise Charters.

The boat leaves the dock at the end of the channel, beside the Magnuson Hotel (formerly Ramada Inn), at:

- **Midday Cruises** >> Tuesdays @ 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 PM on March 14th and April 4th
- **Sunset Cruises** >> Tuesdays @ 4:00 P.M. on March 28th and April 18th

Please arrive about 30 minutes earlier than departure time

Anclote Key Sand Bar Cruise

Explore the little island paradise that lies just off the end of our channel. You will have plenty of time to swim, explore, collect shells and/or just socialize with your friends on one of Florida's premier beaches.

The cost is:

- ✓ \$35/adult
- ✓ \$17.50/ child 4 -12 years old
- ✓ children 3 and under are free

The price includes:

- ✓ A BBQ lunch or dinner on the beach
- ✓ Coverage of the \$5 State Park Service fee per person and taxes
- ✓ Beach umbrellas
- ✓ There is a washroom on the boat

What to bring along

- ✓ A beach chair
- ✓ A change of clothes, swim suits, towels etc.
- ✓ Beach shoes
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Extra snacks or drinks if you wish.

How To Reserve Your Seats

- ✓ The process has changed this year and everyone will book directly with Captain Bob. You pay Bob at the time of booking, either by credit card, Paypal or you can arrange to meet him at the dock in advance and pay by check or cash.
- ✓ **The phone number is 727-807-6955**
- ✓ If you decide to cancel your reservation you must call **72 hours** in advance of your booked trip and you will receive a refund minus a 3% merchant fee unless paid by cash or check.
- ✓ If Bob cancels the trip due to inclement weather or an insufficient number of participants, you will receive a 100% refund.
- ✓ Bob will hold 32 spots for GHC residents up to 72 hours in advance and after that will fill any remaining vacancies with outside people on his waiting list.
- ✓ If the dates we have booked for GHC do not suit your schedule you can ask Bob about different sailing dates he has open.
- ✓ This change should make it better for everyone including Bob. Last year there were a significant number of "No-Shows", partially filled seats or canceled cruises due to a low numbers of bookings certain days, making it difficult for him financially.
- ✓ Captain Bob also runs fishing tours. If you would like to book a trip, just give him a call. His prices for GHC residents, for up to 6 people which includes tackle, bait and licenses are:
 - Inshore half day \$400
 - Inshore full day \$500
 - Offshore \$600

- If don't have 6 people in you group, call Bob and he may be able to book you along with someone else to split the cost.

Kayaking Adventure at Weeki Wachee

Come along with your friends and neighbors and experience the “Real Florida”. This paddling adventure starts at Weeki Wachee Spring State Park and continues downstream for 5.5 miles. When we reach Roger’s Park a mini-bus will pick you up and transport you back to the starting point. The Weeki Wachee River is a vision of picturesque beauty and crystal clear water; it meanders through miles of natural canopy. The water depth averages one to four feet and is a constant 72° F at its source. On your trip, keep on the look out for turtles, fish, various aquatic birds, eagles, deer, otters and manatee. We will stop along the way at a sandbar for a picnic lunch and a swim. The trip will take about 4 hours.

For additional information and pictures log into: <http://www.paddlingadventures.com>

When

- ✓ Tuesday March 21st at 10:00 AM
- ✓ Tuesday April 18th at 10:00 AM

Where

- ✓ Weeki Wachee Springs State Park which is at the south-west corner of US 19 and Rt 50
- ✓ The entrance to Paddling Adventures is located at the rear of the Weeki Wachee Springs State Park parking lot.

Who

- ✓ Anyone with a sense of adventure and a love of nature.
- ✓ Paddling down the river is easy because there is a 4 mph current going our direction. All you have to do is steer and paddle gently. There is no age limit or huge physical requirements. There will be help available for those with mobility problems.
- ✓ The rental kayaks are the sit upon type and are very stable. They are easy to get onto and off of
- ✓ There are also canoes available if you prefer.

What to Bring

- ✓ A picnic lunch and bottled water in a soft sided cooler.
- ✓ Sunscreen, a towel & a hat
- ✓ Insect repellent if desired
- ✓ A camera > make sure you have a “dry-bag” or a Zip-Lock bag with you.
- ✓ You may want an extra bag to keep your wallet and car remote keys safe & dry

What to Wear

- ✓ A bathing suit under your clothes
- ✓ Water shoes or strapped-on water proof sandals >> flip flops will just float away.....

Cost

- ✓ Single kayak\$32.50 plus tax
- ✓ Tandem Kayak\$37.50 plus tax
- ✓ Canoe.....\$37.50 plus tax
- ✓ All rentals include paddles, lifejackets and transportation back to the start.
- ✓ You pay at the staff at the check-in desk; they will have a list of your names.

How to register

- ✓ Sign up in the book that is located hanging from the bulletin Board in Club House # 1. Ensure that you are signing up for the correct date, there several sheets in the binder for different trips
- ✓ Indicate the number and type of kayaks or canoes you want reserved.
- ✓ I have reserved 10 kayaks to start but there are over 60 boats available – so talk it up.....

Diane Barkey

Tower 3 Apt #104
727-807-9199

COMING SOON

March 31 Karaoke Practice and Ticket Sales
April 4 Midday Cruise
April 7 Karaoke Tix Sale
April 8 Kayak Trip
April 8 Karaoke
April 18 Kayak Trip
April 14 TGIF
April 18 Sunset Cruise

THANK YOU

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Your Recreation Committee wishes to Thank all those who volunteered to make our Meet Your Neighbor Party a success... a Huge success. Many Thanks to you all. Thank you to those who attended! Without you there would be no party!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Good news – The Board of Directors voted to approve the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget. Better news – We are approaching the end of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 with an estimated operating budget surplus. The best news is that the association member's monthly maintenance fee will be decreasing for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. For many years we experienced higher monthly assessments and at times special assessments primarily for premium insurance costs. The insurance market has now been getting more competitive including the flood insurance. Companies that offer property insurance have been leveling off or slightly decreasing insurance premiums.

The Board of Directors election is under way. The campaign season is here. The election will be completed on March 16, 2017 at the Annual Meeting of GHC. A new team of officers will be elected for the term of March 2017 to March 2018.

This is my last column as president of this existing board. In my opinion much has been accomplished this last year by utilizing good business practices. To all who worked to make GHC what it is "I Thank You".

Harold G. Johns

CAM'S CORNER

I have been asked, by concerned residents, to mention to all of the residents in GHC to **please** wrap your garbage before putting it in the toters for the Garden Apartments, or the dumpsters for the Towers and Villas. Not only is it smelly but will attract the rodents that we have been trying so hard to get rid of. Just use a Publix bag and tie the top together. That is all that it takes to help this problem. Also, any paper products can be taken to the recycle dumpster by Clubhouse 3, especially boxes. Don't throw them in the dumpsters or try to force them down the garbage chutes. Make sure they are broken down. Also, we are having **sewer backups** and are pulling out these sanitary wipes. **ONLY FLUSH TOILET PAPER DOWN THE TOILETS NOTHING ELSE.** With these new low flush toilets this is a real problem and of course the older pipe system, things can get caught and cause the system to back up. If all of us work together on these 2 very minor things you will help everyone. While on the subject of backups, we still have issues with GREASE. I know how hard it is to avoid grease, but please try your best to clean it from you pans prior to washing them. This grease caused the kitchen drains to also back up sometimes and be forced into lower level kitchen sinks. If you have a disposer, please make sure you flush it completely with HOT WATER, especially those of you that live on the second or third floors. Occasionally put either bleach or vinegar down these kitchen drains to help breakup the grease. Thank you. Susan L Bedford, CAM

MEET THE CANIDATES- CH #1 Thursday, March 9, 2017 @ 10 a.m. Refreshments Served

This is an opportunity to meet the candidates running for the Board of Directors Election March 16th.

FYI

****ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING** Recycling station for aluminum cans is up and running. Please use the squisher for the cans and put them in the receptacle provided. The Can Recycling Station is located at **CH3 SIDE PARKING LOT..**

****PAPER RECYCLE: SIDE PARKING LOT CH3**

****NEW PHONE BOOKS:** Business #'s only. Pick up at CH3.

****CLAUDE PEPPER SENIOR CENTER:** accepts your extra or no longer needed meds. They serve around 400 seniors who can't afford them. They can be dropped off at the center at 6640 Van Buren Street north of Main Street, New Port Richey.

****RESIDENTS:** If you know of anyone who has been ill or has passed away, please notify Pat Fagerson 727-505-9336.

****Wi-Fi:** CH1 and CH3 FREE to Road Runner Customers– email and password needed to log on

****VEHICLE WASHING:** **Friday only.** Use carport and open parking areas. Do not wash cars at the Clubhouses or near the pools.

****PARKING:** Do not park vehicles over the sidewalk.

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

****ATTENTION SMOKERS:** Use 'Smokers Outpost Stands' located outside CH#1. Don't Litter!

****WATER CONSERVATION:** Repair leaky faucets and toilets... Lower OUR water bills!

****SUGGESTION BOX:** Just 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!

****GRILL CLEANING:** Grill cleaning materials available for check-out in the office.

****ALARM:** Defibrillator at CH1. ALARM SOUNDS-CALL 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.**

MINI MART ITEMS FOR SALE

(Ads will be printed once. If you want your ad printed again, call 848-0198.)

2 folding 4ft. tables, \$25 each & metal padded folding chairs, \$7 each. Call 727-841-6961

Singer sewing machine in solid wood cabinet. Call 727-264-6615

1 ladies 26" Huffy bike & 1 men's 26" Mountain Blaze bike. Call 727-264-6615.

Glass rectangular table 4'6" X 2'8" and 6 stackable chairs \$50. Call 727-842-3777 after March 10th.

AVAILABLE TO BORROW: Baby stroller, high chair, playpen & baby bed in a bag. Pat Fageron 727-505-9336.

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Funny for Goofy but not for our Residents

Please Help Prevent **“SLIPS & FALLS”**

Slips and falls are pushing up our Liability Insurance cost, an expense that can increase condo fees. Our management team works to seek out and prevent problem areas for potential accidents, but it takes concerned residents to help in the effort also. If you see common areas with wet/water slip or other potential hazard conditions please contact the office to be sure they are aware of, to take any corrective action available. Management is reviewing preventative action options that may be taken.

We all can help being responsible by being aware and careful to avoid potential accidents.

Some possible things to keep in mind: Avoid slick or pooled water areas when possible. Wear proper footwear



CAUTION ON STAIRS; HOLD ONTO HANDRAIL. AWARENESS TO WHAT YOU ARE DOING (MAYBE NOT ON THE CELL PHONE, ETC.??)

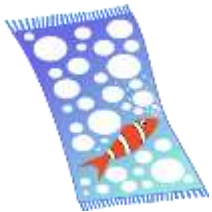
Anything we can do is better for our own safety and rising liability expenses. Thanks for your help.



We don't need "Condo Commandos", but

as each resident's own responsibility, *Please* be aware of the Rules & Regulations of Gulf Harbors Condominiums. These Rules & Regulations are meant for the beneficial quality of life at our complex for all residents. If you need a copy of the Rules & Regulations, please contact the office.

Rules & Regs Reminders:



As we have warmer days, more people are using the pool facilities. Please remember at no time are bathing suits, towels or any other article of clothing to be left to dry on chairs or hanging on any of the common areas (stairwells; walkways; grounds) outside of your condominium unit. They cannot be visibly placed outside of your unit for drying purposes. Thank you for your compliance.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

F. The hanging of laundry (including bathing suits and towels) anywhere outside the condominium units is prohibited. Any items such as, but not limited to, linens, clothing, curtains, rugs or mops, are not to be hung or shaken outside of any condominium unit.