

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

June 2014

### Presidents Message

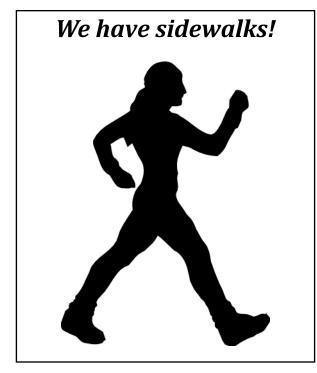
We've been asked: Why do you have so many rules and regulations and restrictions and so forth? Not easy to answer, but the straight of it is that we have to provide guidance to the community on how we are to live as members of a deed restricted community, so we have documents that provide guidance on governance, day to day instructions on the community at large. We also have to enforce the property owner approved rules and regulations that bring the Declarations and By-laws into operation.

Many of the things we have been dealing with in recent meetings were out of date and needed to be updated or the language required clarification. This is tedious work and thus the debates and discussions are prolonged by an effort to get it right. Please remember that your Board only meets once a month so all the footwork and detail is done at that once a month meeting contributing to the length of time for meetings. When we change the basic documents of the Association, the guidance must be updated causing a proliferation of paper and extended Board meetings to make sure the proper guidance is in place.

This past four months our meetings have been dedicated to cleaning up language, clarification of existing materials and developing guidance on the significant changes approved by the property owners in March. While in some cases the change was totally clear in some places, the changes resulted in questions from owners about what this passage meant or what it did not mean. These issues cannot be decided in a vacuum but demand that they be clearly, logically developed and distributed across the community.

All of the Board of Directors thank you for your support and patience over this extended timeframe while we bring our governing documents and interpretations current.

**Jack Anderson** President Board of Directors GGCPOA





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

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Coliseum Office 941-697-1211 Rec Center

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

- Club House office hours: Mon, Tue, Wed from 8:30 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 sunset, 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

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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



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.

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MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE GARDENS OF GULF COVE!

### **Charlotte County Utilities**

#### **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 districts 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:
- Even addresses may water on Thursday and/ or Sunday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
- Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and/ or Saturday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.
- Hand watering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) can 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 the day of installation, watering is allowed on any day at anytime.
- During the first 30 days, watering is allowed on any during the allowable hours.
- 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 Water. Restrictions@WatterMatters.org or by calling their Water Restrictions Hotline at 1.800.848.0499 anytime or 1.800.836.0797, ext. 2298 during business hours (FL only).

## June 2014 Englewood, Florida, USA

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### **Charlotte County Government**

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#### **Natural Resources**

#### Iguanas

#### Report an Iguana sighting

#### View a Map of Iguana Sightings

Recent observation has concluded that Charlotte County Florida has new exotic and invasive residents. These residents include the common green iguana (*Iguana iguana*), black spiny-tailed iguana (*C. similis*), and Mexican spiny-tailed iguana (*Ctenosaura pectinata*). Their inhabitation of south Florida is believed to be a result of accidental importation on ships, as well as pet iguanas escaping or being released. Subsequently, these reptiles have established breeding groups and proliferated very successfully in the subtropical climate of south west Florida.



Credit: Linda B. Maharajh, University of Florida, Ft. Lauderdale REC

#### So why are iguanas a problem?

As with many exotic invasive species, they could potentially cause extensive harm to the natural ecosystem's flora and fauna. The droppings of Iguanas are known to potentially carry the salmonella bacterium often associated with food poisonings. These dropping are left on sea walls, boats, decks, and other surfaces where they are unsightly and have an offending odor.

Do not release unwanted or problematic pet iguanas. This is not only illegal, (39-4.005 Florida Administrative Code) but it also creates problems that are likely to far outlast the life of the reptile released. In the event that you can no longer care for your iguana check with people you know to see if they are interested, advertise in your local paper, inquire about surrendering or selling it to a pet store, and if all else fails contact your local humane society or reptile rescue for further instruction.

Since iguanas are not protected except under anti-cruelty laws they may be captured and removed in a variety of ways without obtaining a permit.

If unwanted iguanas are in your area and you wish to eradicate them, assistance can be offered by your local Animal Control



Credit: W. H. Kern, Jr., University of Florida, Ft. Lauderdale

#### Report an Iguana sighting

#### For more information

Natural Resources 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd Port Charlotte, FL 33952-5209 941.613.3220

email: Andv.Stevens@charlottefl.com

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Service. This can eliminate the potential for injury sustained by attempting to remove the iguanas yourself. For a fee, you can rent a trap and any iguana you capture will be picked up and disposed of by an animal control officer. For more information on trapping iguanas follow this link to Animal Control of Charlotte County's web site or call (941) 833.5690. See http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/IN528 for more information.

Kern W.H. Jr. Fact Sheet ENY-714, a series of the Entomology and Nematology Department, Florida Cooperative Extension Service, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, Publication date: August 2004, Please visit the EDIS Website.

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#### FRIENDS OUT AND ABOUT

Luncheon

Wednesday June 25 1:00PM

**Howards Restaurant** 1400 Aqua View Lane Englewood



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#### **Gardens of Gulf Cove Property Owners Association, Inc.**

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#### \*\* 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 May 14, 2014. President Jack Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Directors present in person: Jack Anderson, Jack Arlinghaus, Lucille Breen, Herman Dahl, and Martha Vanderbilt; present via Skype: Fred Streif; present via teleconference: John Arbogast; not present: Charles Petit and 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 4/09/2014 and the Agenda Workshop of 05/12/2014 made by H.Dahl, seconded by L.Breen. Motion carried unanimously.
- **5. Correspondence**: "Muriel 5" letter presented by J.Anderson.
- **6.** Treasurer's Report: Report given by H.Dahl, Treasurer.
- 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, next meeting scheduled for April 16, 2pm.
- 10. Committee Reports:
- a. Activities:
  - i. **Bocce**: Ambrose Biondo, Chairperson, not present, no report.
  - ii. **Bowling**: Report given by Lucille Breen, Chairperson.
  - iii. Friends Out & About: Report given by Herman Dahl, Chairperson.
  - 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.
- o. Audit Committee: Report given by Janet Anderson, Chairperson.
- . Covenants & Restrictions:
  - Compliance Committee: 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:

#### 11. Old Business:

- a) McDonald's Update: (provided during correspondence discussion)
- b) Englewood Rd Tree Trimming: The trees are encroaching on fiber optic lines and not power lines, therefore trimming is deemed moot.
- c) <u>Covenant's & Restrictions: Article X</u>: Motion to accept the Rental Restrictions clarification language (permitting family & guests to stay up to 14 nights/15 days) as submitted made by H.Dahl, seconded by J.Arlinghaus. Motion carried unanimously.
- d) <u>Sign-In Procedure</u>: Motion to accept the Sign-In Procedure as presented made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by F.Streif. Those in favor: J.Anderson, J.Arbogast, J.Arlinghaus, L.Breen, H.Dahl and F.Streif; opposed: M.Vanderbilt. Motion carried.

#### 12. New Business:

- a) Start 2015 Budget Planning: Dates for one (1) "walk-around" inspection and two (2) budget workshops to be determined.
- b) <u>Suspension of Rights</u>: Motion to suspend rights of twenty-four (24) properties in arrears made by H.Dahl, seconded by J.Arlinghaus. Motion carried unanimously.
- c) <u>Fining Committee Recommendations</u>: Item #1, unanimous; Item #2, unanimous; Item #3, unanimous; Item #4, closed, no Board action; Item #5, no recommendation, no determination; Item #6, unanimous.
- d) 2015 Budget Considerations: Club House flooring bids & Rec Center bath house renovation/construction.
- e. <u>Parking Lot funding</u>: Motion to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund to Parking Lot Fund made by J.Anderson, seconded by J.Arbogast. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. McDonald's: Compensation by the developers of McDonald's for attorney fees and to supplement future budgetary concerns regarding McDonald's.

#### 13. Other discussions:

- a) 2013 Special Assessment balance of \$1,800 is set aside to replace a/c unit at the Rec Center.
- 14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. made by J.Arlinghaus, seconded by L.Breen. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Astringent
- 5. Hiding place
- 10. Contributes
- 14. Memo
- 15. Heart artery
- 16. Journey
- 17. Tailless stout-bodied amphibian
- 18. Written material
- 20. Honorable
- 22. Mixture
- 23. Shade tree
- 24. Annoyed
- 25. Inescapable
- 32. Pass-the-baton race
- 33. Another time
- 34. French for "Word"
- 37. Objective
- 38. Penniless
- 39. Broad valley
- 40. N N N N
- 41. France's longest river
- 42. Motherless calf
- 43. Embodiment
- 45. Thorax
- 49. Historic period
- 50. Stewardess
- 53. Shreds
- 57. Intruder
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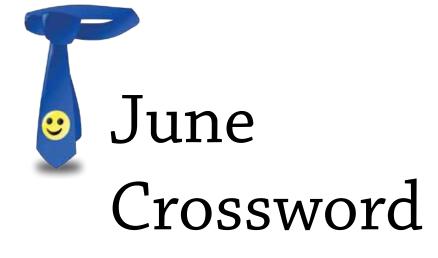
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- 2. Plunder
- 3. Salt Lake state
- 4. Belonging to the
- Middle Ages
- 5. Highly seasoned fatty sausage
- 6. Hard work
- 7. Paintings
- 8. Flower stalk
- 9. Rabbit
- 10. Fragrant oil
- 11. Inebriated
- 12. Sad song
- 13. Velocity
- 19. Extraterrestrial

- 21. Cause surfeit through
- excess
- 25. Desire
- 26. A noble gas
- 27. "Oh my!"
- 28. A gold coin of ancient 47. A chemical compound
- Persia
- 29. Ancient Greek
- marketplace
- 30. Bread maker
- 31. Get prone
- 34. Wise men
- 35. Hodgepodge
- 36. Adolescent
- 38. French for "Bon"
- 39 An endowment

- 41. About a US quart
- 42. Blowgun missile
- 44. Almost
- 45. Make cool
- 46. Product of bees
- 48. Cubic meter
- 51. Narrow opening
- 52. Fizzy drink
- 53. Orange pekoe
- 54. Border
- 55. Part in a play
- 56. Sleigh
- 58. A writing implement

## **Happy Father's Day!!!**



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## Lightning Safety for You and Your Family

#### When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

Each year in the United States, more than 400 people are struck by lightning. On average, between 55 and 60 people are killed; hundreds of others suffer permanent neurological disabilities. Most of these tragedies can be avoided with a few simple precautions. When thunderstorms threaten, get to a safe place. Lightning safety is an inconvenience that can save your life.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) collects information on weather-related deaths to learn how to prevent these tragedies. Many lightning victims say they were "caught" outside in the storm and couldn't get to a safe place. With proper planning, these tragedies could be prevented.

Other victims waited too long before seeking shelter. By heading to a safe place 5 to 10 minutes sooner, they could have avoided being struck by lightning.

Some people were struck because they went back outside too soon. Stay inside a safe building or vehicle for at least 30 minutes after you hear the last thunder clap.

Finally, some victims were struck inside homes or buildings while they were using electrical equipment or corded phones. Others were in contact with plumbing, a metal door or a window frame. Avoid contact with these electrical conductors when a thunderstorm is nearby!

#### What You Might Not Know About Lightning

- ▶ All thunderstorms produce lightning and are dangerous. In the United States, in an average year, lightning kills about the same number of people as tornadoes and more people than hurricanes.
- Lightning often strikes outside the area of heavy rain and may strike as far as 10 miles from any rainfall.

  Many lightning deaths occur ahead of storms or after storms have seemingly passed.
- If you can hear thunder, you are in danger. Don't be fooled by blue skies. If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to pose an immediate threat.

Lightning leaves many victims with permanent disabilities. While a small percentage of lightning strike victims die, many survivors must learn to live with very serious lifelong pain and neurological disabilities.

#### **Avoid the Lightning Threat**

- ▶ Have a lightning safety plan. Know where you'll go for safety and how much time it will take to get there. Make sure your plan allows enough time to reach safety.
- Postpone activities. Before going outdoors, check the forecast for thunderstorms. Consider postponing activities to avoid being caught in a dangerous situation.
- Monitor the weather. Look for signs of a developing thunderstorm such as darkening skies, flashes of lightning or increasing wind.
- ▶ **Get to a safe place.** If you hear thunder, even a distant rumble, immediately move to a safe place. Fully enclosed buildings with wiring and plumbing provide the best protection. Sheds, picnic shelters, tents or covered porches do NOT protect you from lightning. If a sturdy building is not nearby, get into a hard-topped metal vehicle and close all the windows. Stay inside until 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder.
- If you hear thunder, don't use a corded phone except in an emergency. Cordless phones and cell phones are safe to use.
- ▶ Keep away from electrical equipment and wiring.
- Water pipes conduct electricity. Don't take a bath or shower or use other plumbing during a storm.

#### **Organized Outdoor Activities**

Many people enjoy outdoor activities. It's essential for the people in charge of these activities to understand the dangers of lightning, have a lightning safety plan in place, and follow the plan once thunder is heard or lightning is seen. Many outdoor activities rely on volunteer leaders, coaches or sports officials to make safety decisions. Make sure the leaders of these activities follow a lightning safety plan. Don't be afraid to ask, and don't be afraid to speak out during an event if conditions become unsafe. You could save a life!

## Weather Safety: Lightning



## Lightning safety for You and Your Family









## What You Should Know About Being Caught Outside Near a Thunderstorm

There is no safe place outside in a thunderstorm. Plan ahead to avoid this dangerous situation! If you're outside and hear thunder, the only way to significantly reduce your risk of becoming a lightning casualty is to get inside a substantial building or hard-topped metal vehicle as fast as you can. In addition, you should avoid the following situations which could increase your risk of becoming a lightning casualty. Remember – there is no substitute for getting to a safe place.

- **Avoid open areas.** Don't be the tallest object in the area.
- Stay away from isolated tall trees, towers or utility poles. Lightning tends to strike the taller objects in an area.
- ▶ Stay away from metal conductors such as wires or fences. Metal does not attract lightning, but lightning can travel long distances through it.

If you are with a group of people, spread out. While this actually increases the chance that someone might get struck, it tends to prevent multiple casualties, and increases the chances that someone could help if a person is struck.

#### Act Fast If Someone Is Struck by Lightning!

- Lightning victims do not carry an electrical charge, are safe to touch, and need urgent medical attention. Cardiac arrest is the immediate cause of death for those who die. Some deaths can be prevented if the victim receives the proper first aid immediately.
- **Call for help.** Call 9-1-1 or your local ambulance service.
- ▶ **Give first aid.** Do not delay CPR if the person is unresponsive or not breathing. Use an Automatic External Defibrillator if one is available.

If possible, move the victim to a safer place. Lightning can strike twice. Don't become a victim.

## Stay Informed About Storms Listen to NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards

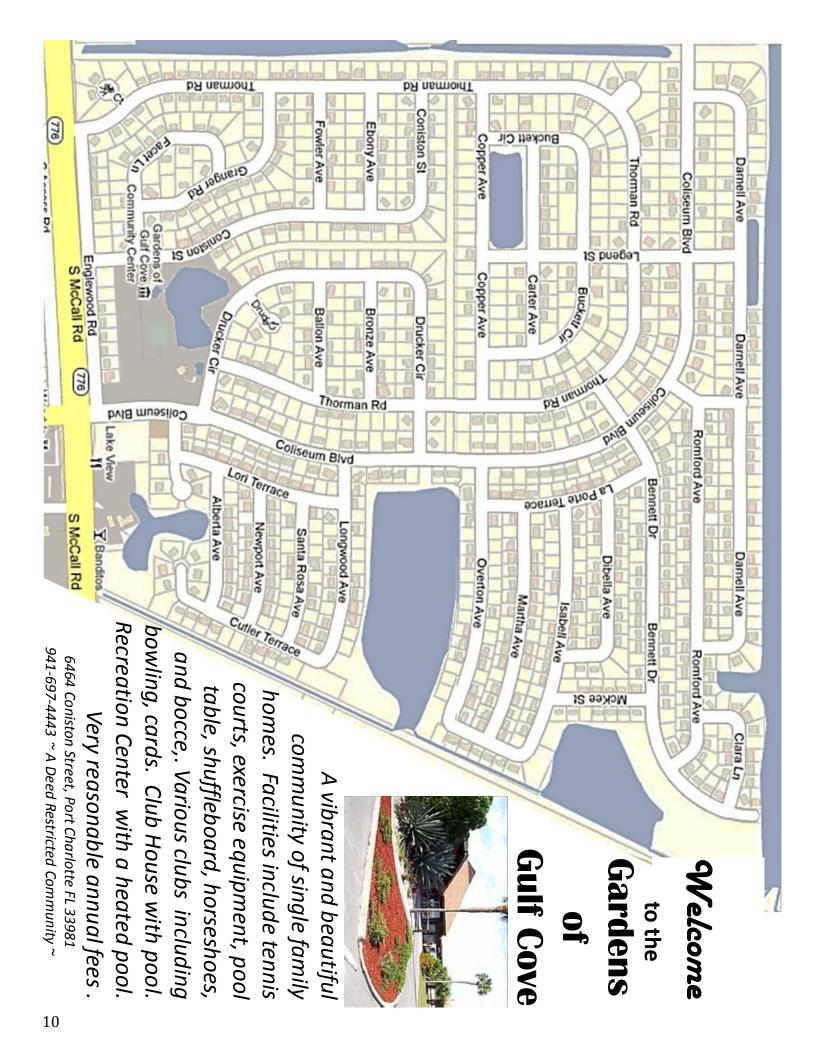
There are an estimated 25 million cloud-to-ground lightning flashes in the U.S. each year. While the National Weather Service (NWS) issues severe thunderstorm watches and warnings for storms that produce damaging wind or hail, watches and warnings are NOT issued for lightning. When you hear thunder, there is an immediate lightning danger.

As a further safety measure, consider purchasing a portable, battery-powered, tone-alert NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards. The radio will allow you to monitor any short-term forecasts for changing weather conditions. The tone-alert feature can automatically alert you when the NWS issues a severe thunderstorm watch or warning.

#### **For More Information**

NWS lightning links, forecasts, assessments:
http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov
NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards:
http://www.weather.gov/nwr
American Red Cross:
http://www.redcross.org

Federal Emergency Management Agency: http://www.fema.gov



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