



Labor Day: What it Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Labor Day Legislation

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

Founder of Labor Day

More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic. On behalf of the Board of Directors and all the staff, we wish each of you a safe and enjoyable Labor

Day Weekend!

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Pool Hours: August-8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Sept.- 8:30 a.m. -7:00 p.m.

> Office Hours Recreation Center (Coliseum) Closed for season Club House (Coniston) 9:00 am.-5:00 p.m. M-F

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2016 Regular Board <u>Meeting Schedule</u> **Please note new time and date for meetings**

- Clubhouse (6464 Coniston)
- Monday, September 12th Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 15th -Board Meeting Continuation 6:30 pm

FRIENDS OUT AND ABOUT

The luncheon for the month of September will be held at **LANDY'S ON THE WATER**, 1400 Aqua View Lane, Englewood FL on **September 28th**, **2016** at 1:00PM

All residents and their guests welcome.

Please RSVP to Herman by Monday July 25th to 941 697-0424 or <u>hhdahl@sbcglobal.net</u>

Events Committee

Plans are being made for a fund raiser in November at Visani's Restaurant and Comedy Theater in Port Charlotte to raise money for a Children's Christmas Party in December. Cost of the ticket will be \$10 per person. More information will be made available by the October newsletter. If interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Lucille Breen at 941-697-3809 or by email at <u>breenb1@centurylink.</u> <u>net</u>. Thank you.

BAKE SALE/GARAGE SALE

September 2, 2016 -8 am-3pm -Gardens of Gulf Cove Club House

Englewood Area Christian homeschool co-op group (EACC) is having a fundraiser to raise money for supplies and curriculum for 2016/17 school year.

Our garage/bake sale will include baked good, clothes, shoes, books, curriculum, games, toys and more.

Board Games

Starting in September on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. Bring your favorite game or play one of ours. *Snacks will be served. Bring your own beverage. For more info call: Cathy @ 941-828-1129

The Koffee Klatch

The Koffee Klatch welcomes new members. We meet every Wednesday of the month. The first Wednesday is a luncheon at various neighborhood



restaurants at 12:30, the association calendar will display where we meet each month. The second (2nd) through the fourth (4th) Wednesday's we meet at the Clubhouse for coffee and pastries at 10:00 a.m. For further information, contact Joe Russo-697-9696, come join us.

Arts and Crafts

The Arts and Crafts will be suspended for the summer season and resume in December. Thanks to all who participated in our February fair. We look forward to new members and ideas.

Tenants of the RV Lot

Tenants of the RV Lot are being reminded to manage their assigned spot by keeping the grass and weeds maintained and by picking up debris in their area per your agreement with the association. The association will be force placing assigned spots (maintaining it for you with a cost of \$25.00 per lot, per occurrence) that are not maintained by the tenant.

In addition to maintenance please me reminded all items stored must be approved by the association, subletting is prohibited, all items stored must always display current registration and be in operable condition.

Make sure your storage items are in your assigned spot or your items may be towed by the association.

*** Reminder for additional safety, please set the combination at a random number when locking up and leaving the RV Lot. *****

CAM Corner

Fiduciary Know-How, what it means if I run for the board

Each board member and the board collectively is required to act in the best interest of association

as a whole. The board is obligated to make ethical and legal decisions that best serve the entire association.

The mere mention of fiduciary responsibility may scare some homeowners aware from board service, but it shouldn't. Managing the association's finances is one of the board's most important duties, but it doesn't have to be complicated.

Fiduciary duty means protecting assets, budgeting responsibly, planning and reserving for the future, investing wisely and observing laws and regulations that affect association resources. Fiduciary duty requires the board to ensure that the assessments you pay are used properly to maintain the community and cover insurance, contracted services, utilities and other needed materials and services.

Board members fulfill their fiduciary duty by:

- **Establishing and adhering to a budget**. A good budget is developed through an objective, stepby-step process based on historical data and careful research with knowledge of upcoming tasks. While unanticipated breakdowns occur, by and large the board should be able to budget the income and expenses of the association and review monthly the progress of income and expense against the budget. The budget is the business plan for the year.
- **Reviewing financial statements regularly.** The statements include a balance sheet, budget comparison report, customer balance summary, reconciled checking account and more.
- Putting policies in place to reduce the risks of fraudulent activity. These include, for example, requiring two signatures on checks, not signing blank checks and sending payment only when an invoice is received. Separate the duties of the signers, approvers and payers.
- Hiring an accounting firm to perform an annual audit. An auditor will look for missing check numbers, missing bank statements, duplicate payments, payments to unfamiliar vendors or suspicious journal entries.
- Adopting an investment policy. A good investment policy protects principal, liquidity and yield.
- **Put in Place a policy of board adopted reserves.** This stabilizes the assessments of the association by anticipating when major maintenance projects will occur and funding them in advance a little at a time so that when the roof has to be replaced, substantially all the monies are available.

Jack Sheehan, LCAM, CMCA, Realtor

Garden of Gulf Cove POA

Board Meeting Unapproved Minutes – August 8, 2016 & August 11, 2016 August 8 at 1:00 in the Association Clubhouse

- 1) Call to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) 3) Establish a Quorum (no quorum) Informational meeting only
- 4í Discussion:
 - Amendment to Audit Committee Procedure-Herman Dahl (a)
 - (b) By-Laws Draft Rev 1 Key Discussion for the Board

Meeting to Be Adjourned to August 11 at 6:30 in the Association Clubhouse

Call Meeting to Order & Establish Quorum by the following directors present; Jim Newkirk 5) (Chair), Fred Streif, Herman Dahl, Jack Arlinghaus, Tom Sullivan.

Approval of previous meeting minutes. Minutes approved with one correction from Herman 6) Dahl for the amendment of the

- Charlotte County Deputy Crime Statistics; **Deputy Cotton is on permanent disability**. 7)
- Treasurer Report: Herman Dahl 8)
- CAM Report: Jack Sheehan 9)
- 10) Fines: Jack Sheehan, **Four recommended**, four imposed.
- 11) President's Report
- 12) Old Business

(a) Amendment to Audit Committee Procedure-Herman Dahl – Amended - Quarterly review by the audit committee.

(b) RV lot update – Chairman discussed options for the lot and is pursuing a quote from another engineering firm

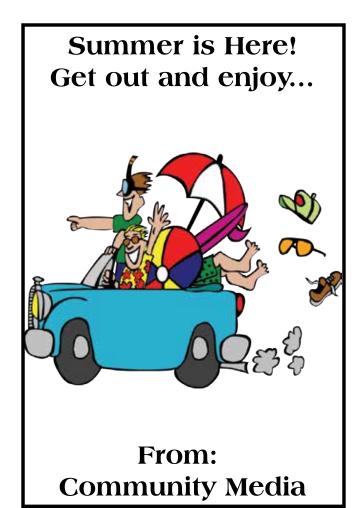
- 13) New Business
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- 14) Social Committee Reports
 - Activities: Lucille Breen a)
 - bĴ Friends Out and About: Herman Dahl
 - Shuffleboard: Bob Whitney, No reports until c)
 - d) Tennis: Jack Kyle
 - Koffee Klutch: Jo Russo e)
 - f) Aquasize: Evie Dunigan
 - g) h) Garden and Beautification Committee: No report until October
 - Bowling: No report until October
 - Bocce: No report until October i)
- 14) Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:25 PM



"Here are the minutes of our last homeowner's meeting. Some events have been fictionalized for dramatic purposes."





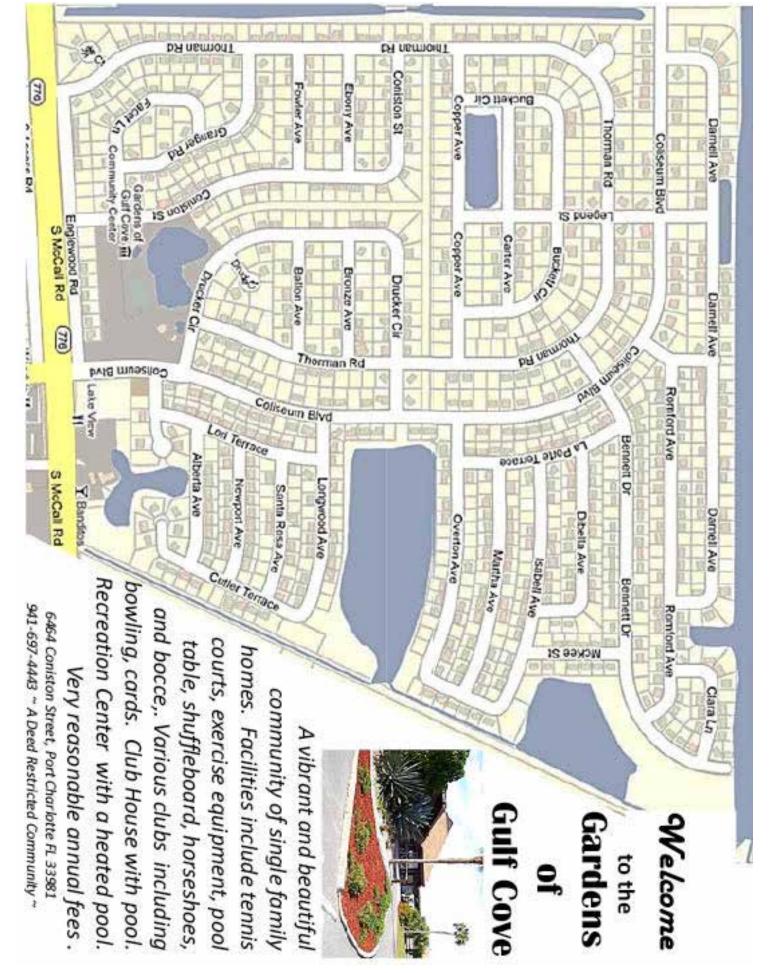


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Bob Dyer	\$10	Imperial Electric Sercice of Pinellas
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