



Gardens of Gulf Cove

Garden Spot Newsletter  
April, May, June 2021

# In the Spotlight



## 2021 Board of Directors for Gardens of Gulf Cove

Doug McCoy (Director), Marty Vanderbilt (Secretary), Helen Raimbeau (President),  
Ray Forshee (Vice President), Sergio Sanchez (Director), Tom Sullivan (Director), Sandy Weaver (Treasurer)

Thank you to our Board Members who volunteer their time and energy making the Gardens of Gulf Cove a great place to live. A special thank you to Nancy Valencic for her term completed as Director!



## Volunteer Election Committee Members!

A special **Thank You** to the Election Committee chairperson Charlotte Hallett, her husband Chester (standing) and the entire election committee (clockwise) Jim & Linda Wilson, Rachel Johnson, Judy Bernstein, John & Doris Dizinno, Carolyn & Fred Streif. A lot of planning and organization went into having such a streamlined process for the counting of Ballots and Proxies. Charlotte's expertise did not go unnoticed!



# GARDENS OF GULF COVE POA, INC.

~ A Deed Restricted Community ~

## MANAGEMENT OFFICE:

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Email: [GardensOfGulfCove@gmail.com](mailto:GardensOfGulfCove@gmail.com)

Website: [www.thegardensofgulfcove.com](http://www.thegardensofgulfcove.com)

## OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 am – 4:00 pm (Weekdays M-F)

## POOL HOURS:

April 8:30 am – 7:00 pm

May 8:30 am – 7:30 pm

June/July 8:30 am – 8:00 pm



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## MANAGEMENT TEAM:

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Licensed Community Association Manager

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Compliance Officer, Assistant CAM

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Director (2023)





# Chair Yoga

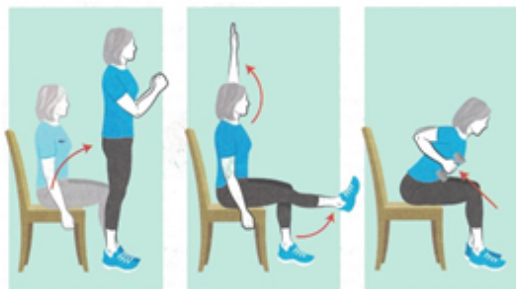
with Janice Shattuck

Tuesday mornings  
8:30 am (Clubhouse)

Come on out and have Fun with us!

**Seated Yoga  
plus Progressive Sitting & Standing**

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



All Residents & their Guests only!  
Bring Water & Towel - No mat needed  
Gardens of Gulf Cove Clubhouse - 6464 Coniston St

# Alligators, Bobcats Coyotes OH MY!

Our subtropical paradise is home to 20 million people, but also to Alligators, Bobcats, Coyotes — and more! It is not uncommon to witness this in the Gardens of Gulf Cove. As more natural habitats are developed, encounters with the wildlife - which were here before us - become even more common. Those who have lived in Florida for years usually treasure sightings of these animals. Unless you provoke them, attacks are incredibly rare.

Alligators are most active from April to June, when mating season begins. During this time, gators can end up in our yards, driveways, and streets. Alligators have been seen in all 7 lakes here in the Gardens. The alligator is Federally protected by the Endangered Species Act as a threatened species. FWC's nuisance Alligator Hotline is 866-392-4286.

Coyote sightings during the day is not cause for alarm, especially in the spring and summer. The Coyote is a member of the dog family with pointed ears, a narrow muzzle, and a bushy tail. Most active during sunrise and sunset. They typically avoid people, but you can instill fear in them by raising your arms and yelling — an effective behavior called *hazing*.

A Bobcat sighting during the day is not uncommon because they sleep only 2 to 3 hours at a time. Squirrels, rabbits, ground-dwelling birds and rats are the primary prey species. Bobcats are stealthy animals but typically afraid of people and pose little threat.

Here are a few basic tips experts say we should follow:

- If you see an animal, leave it alone.
- Secure trash cans.
- Don't feed your pets or other wildlife outdoors.
- Clean away fallen fruit, nuts and seeds on your lot.
- Keep pets on a leash or secure confined while outside.
- Be alert while walking, especially near the lakes.
- Carry your cell phone and something that makes noise. Animals will typically run off if you make noise or yell.

To report an aggressive animal in the neighborhood, call Charlotte County Animal Control at 941-833-5690, option #1. Animal Control recognizes there are animals who may pose serious threats if inadequately supervised or controlled by their owners. Animal Control does not discriminate against the breed of any dog, all cases are investigated individually.

Animal Control also responds for injured or sick wildlife and works with local wildlife rescues to ensure sick, injured or orphaned wildlife receive the care needed.

The Gardens of Gulf Cove management office should not be your first phone call. The staff will not come out to capture a loose, aggressive, or wild animal!

# Dancing Divas



**Line Dancing Class**

NEW DAY

**Fridays 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





# what's cooking



For those who love to cook & plan-out cooking activities - and best of all ENJOY eating & sampling new & classic recipes!

Upcoming **Make & Taste Cooking Club** meetings:

(Tuesday) April 27 - 1:00 pm

(Tuesday) May 25 - 1:00 pm

Lets  **Cook classes** **\$3.00** per person at the door  
(covers cost of ingredients)

All Cooking Classes **1:00-3:00** pm at the Clubhouse!

Best  **Italian Bruschetta Appetizer**

(Friday) April 9

**fiesta** **Salsas & Guacamole**

(Friday) May 7



**Chicken Salad**

w/Almonds & dried Cherries

(Friday) June 11



For information or questions, call or text Rachel Johnson 509-389-3581  
Gardens of Gulf Cove Clubhouse - 6464 Coniston St



# Low Impact Exercise Class

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

# GAME NIGHT

Save the Date

## BASEBALL

Game Night at the Gardens

Thursday  
**April 15 - 6:30 pm**  
at the Clubhouse

**\$1** HOT DOGS & Goodies  
available to purchase

*Hosted by*  
**Brenda Bacon**  
Game Night Coordinator

**Rachel Johnson**  
& The Make & Taste Cooking Club

Gardens of Gulf Cove Clubhouse - 6464 Coniston St  
Plenty of tables & chairs are available to spread out!



The Dancing Divas got together after practice for a colorful Mardi Gras photo in March. This is a real fun group that loves to move - and groove! Come on out **Tuesday evenings 7:00 pm** at the Gardens of Gulf Cove Clubhouse. Nothing fancy or formal, just a fun night to body groove or line dance. Masks are welcomed, but not mandatory. Any questions, please contact Joan Schmidt 845-332-5179.

# MSBU 2021 Update

A regular Meeting of the Gardens of Gulf Cove **Street & Drainage Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU)** has been scheduled as follows:

Date: April 28, 2021  
Time: 10:00 am  
Location: Max V Horton 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).

The date/time is subject to change. Please check the Charlotte County Website for updates and agenda closer to the meeting. Visit the MSBU on-line: [charlottecountyfl.gov/msbu-mstu/gardens-of-gulf-cove](http://charlottecountyfl.gov/msbu-mstu/gardens-of-gulf-cove)

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 Gardens of Gulf Cove, 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: Benjamin Sinclair  
Raymond Forshee  
Donna Sullivan  
Martha Vanderbilt

**Kimberly Lewis-Tison**, Community Liaison  
**Contact:** 941-575-3613 or email  
[Kimberly.Lewis-Tison@CharlotteCountyFL.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Lewis-Tison@CharlotteCountyFL.gov)



# Compliance Corner Important Reminders!

**If you have a Dog ...** We have had numerous reports about loose dogs in the community. Do not let your dog out for any amount of time without being restrained.



**If you are a seasonal resident** and leaving your home this Spring/Summer, be sure to have lot maintenance set up including weeding and trimming! We are happy to provide recommendations if you need any.

**If you have Guests** that will be using the common facilities, you must register them with the Management office. There is a limit of 2 guests per household unless otherwise approved by management. This rule applies to all amenities as noted in the Common Facility Rules and Regulations adopted and approved by the Board of Directors on 9/16/20.

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

HOW MANY  
VIOLATIONS  
CAN YOU FIND?







## ♥ Tuesday C♥rds

at the Club House - 6464 Coniston St

2pm

Every Tuesday



*No Skill Required*

**Cards anyone?**

Come on out and try  
your Hand (Foot)!

Gardens of Gulf Cove  
Residents & their Guests only.

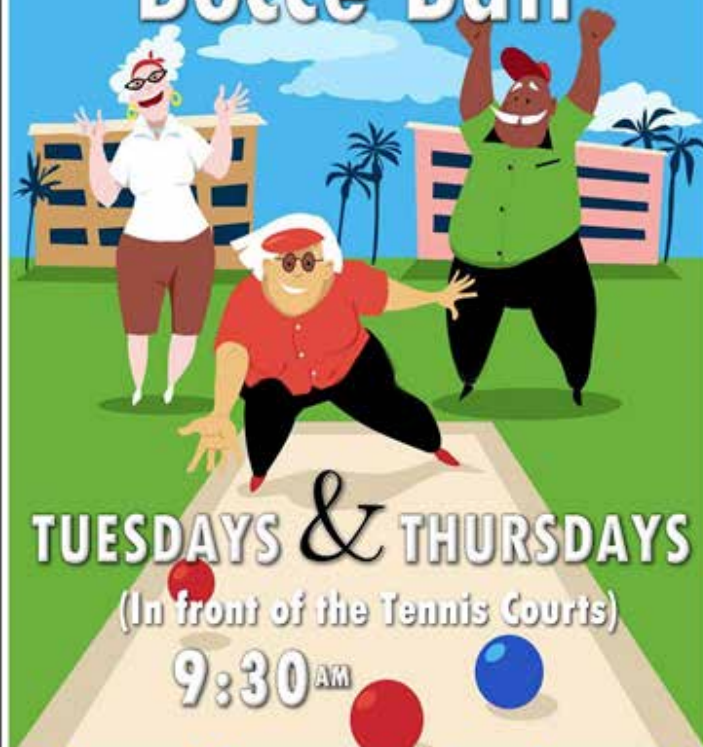
*Hosted by Brenda Bacon*

Call for more info 941-830-8331

Gardens of Gulf Cove Clubhouse - 6464 Coniston St



## Bocce Ball



### TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

(In front of the Tennis Courts)

9:30AM

### All residents are welcome!

Two (2) Guests Permitted Per Household  
Gardens of Gulf Cove POA, Inc.

## Aquasize Class

Monday • Wednesday • Friday

at the Rec Center (heated pool)



## Low Impact Water Aerobics

Build strength with gentle resistance from the water.  
Hydrostatic pressure of water across the whole body surface  
offers benefits for balance, coordination, and mobility!

*Join us!*

Gardens of Gulf Cove Recreation Center - 6615 Coliseum Blvd

## DID YOU KNOW



### TENNIS COURTS

in the Gardens of Gulf Cove  
are  
line painted for

### PICKLEBALL

### INTERESTED IN PLAYING OR LEARNING?

*Send an email to resident*

**Joyce Coakley**

**MyBungalows@yahoo.com**

Gardens of Gulf Cove Property Owners' Association, Inc.  
(Tennis Courts located between Clubhouse & Rec Center)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				8:30am - Exercise w/Cathy - CH 9:30am - BOCCE 1pm - Billiards - Rec Ctr 6pm - POKER - Rec Ctr	10am - LINE DANCING-CH 11am - AQUASIZE-RC	
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Easter Sunday	Easter Monday 11am - AQUASIZE-RC 1pm - Billiards - Rec Ctr	8:30am - YOGA w/Janice - CH 9:30am - BOCCE 10am - KOFFEE KLATCH-CH 2pm - Cards-CH 5pm - Rock the Gardens Dance -	11am - AQUASIZE-RC	8:30am - Exercise w/Cathy - CH 9:30am - BOCCE 1pm - Billiards - Rec Ctr 6pm - POKER - Rec Ctr	10am - LINE DANCING-CH 11am - AQUASIZE-RC 1pm - Make&Taste Bruschetta	
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Mother's Day	11am - AQUASIZE-RC 1pm - Billiards - Rec Ctr	8:30am - YOGA w/Janice - CH 9:30am - BOCCE 10am - KOFFEE KLATCH-CH 2pm - Cards-CH 7pm - Dance/Exercise 7pm - CH	11am - AQUASIZE-RC	8:30am - Exercise w/Cathy - CH 9:30am - BOCCE 1pm - Billiards - Rec Ctr 6pm - POKER - Rec Ctr	10am - LINE DANCING-CH 11am - AQUASIZE-RC	Peace Officers Memorial Day
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# Shuffleboard

**MONDAYS & FRIDAYS**  
**10:00am at the Rec Center**

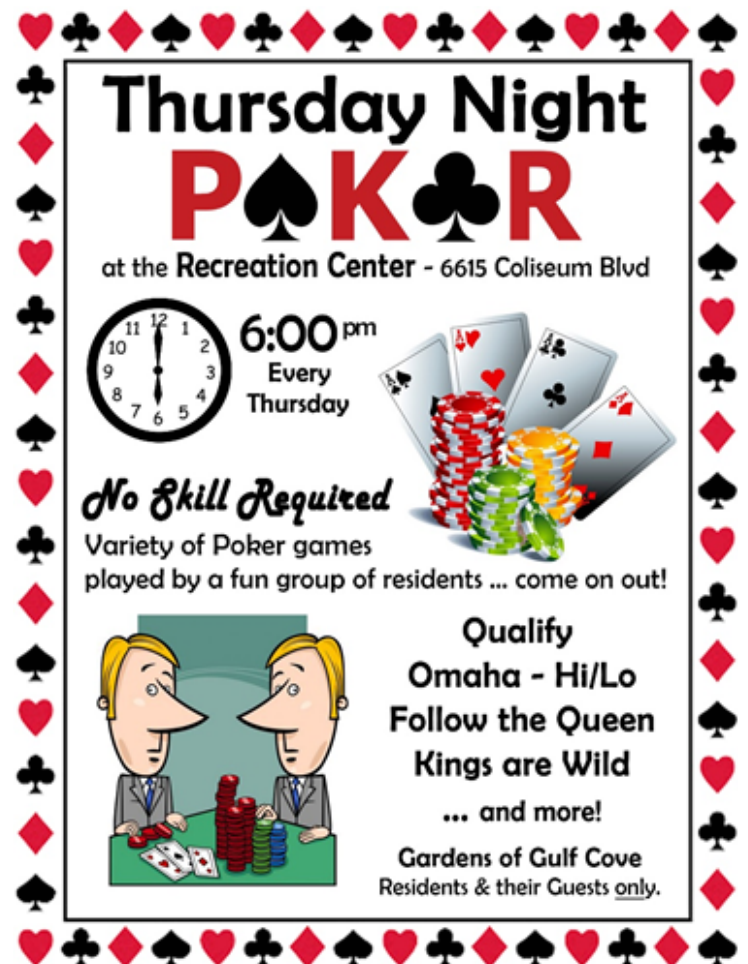
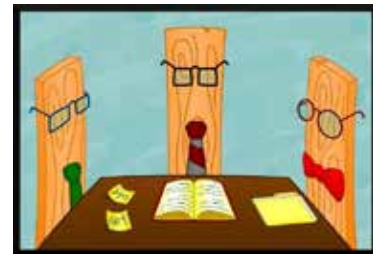
**All residents are welcome to  
Learn & Play Shuffleboard!**

*For more information, please call or come on out ...*  
**Paul Marrangoni 941-697-2947**

**Gardens of Gulf Cove - Recreation Center**  
**6615 Coliseum Blvd (inside the Pool area by the rest rooms)**

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

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





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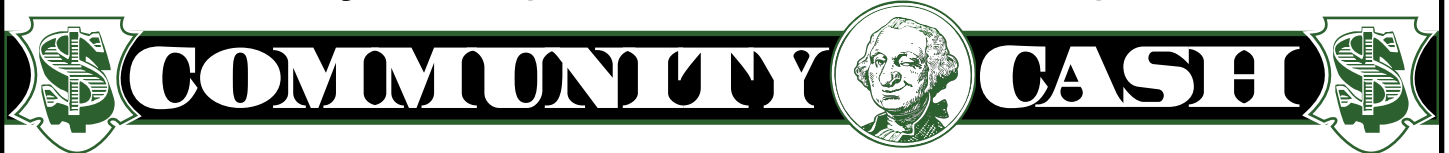
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# \$200

In Cash Prizes Available Monthly

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Recommend a business you currently use that should advertise in this newsletter. When you continue to use them you increase your chances for Community Cash!  
**Submit to info@4communitymedia.com or 941-375-3699**

Remember, the only way to win is to patronize the advertisers in this newsletter. They are the reason your newsletter is free, so show your support!

## Every Month is a New Chance to Win!

### 1 drawing for \$100

### 10 drawings for \$10

#### Winner

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Paul Hastay .....	\$10 .....	Jones & Sons Plumbing
John Klein .....	\$10 .....	Royal Enterprise
Beverly Henning .....	\$10 .....	Heller's Mobile Home Washing

Drawing Date - 3/5/2021



- Limit one ticket per advertiser's service per quarter (3 month period)
- Customer must have paid for advertiser's service to play
- Contest void where prohibited by law
- Checks will be mailed within 60 days of drawing date