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All articles appearing in this issue were written by Renée Gluvna, unless otherwise noted.

Calendar of Events

Neighborhood Meeting
Speaker: Commissioner Hagen Brody
January 23 – 7:00 pm
Harvest Church
3650 17th Street

Annual Community Yard Sale
Saturday, February 3, 2018

Spring Spruce-Up Day
Saturday, March 17

Annual Block Party
Sunday, April 8, 2018

Great American Park Cleanup
Date to be Announced

BLOCK PARTY #4

Set the date on your calendar – Sunday, April 8. Time to be announced (late afternoon). The menu will once again be different, but we promise it will be good!



Alternative Ideas for the Executive Course

City Commissioner Hagen Brody requested a meeting with the residents of our neighborhood to discuss ideas for the **Bobby Jones Executive Golf Course** that borders our Breezemont homes. He is very much interested in getting feedback from us. We have scheduled this meeting for January 23rd at 7 pm. Location is the Harvest Tabernacle Church at 3650 17th Street (across from the realty office). All homeowners and residents of Glen Oaks Estates are encouraged to attend. A brief Board of Directors meeting will follow, open to all members of the Association.

Junk-City?

Please, please, please – keep our neighborhood from looking junky! Please call for special pick-up of any discarded items that won't fit into the green city trash container. The number to call is **Waste Pro at 941-355-9600**. And please **WAIT TILL WEDNESDAY** to place such items at the curb. No one wants to see furniture and TVs sitting out all week.

TVs, computers, microwave ovens, and other **electronic waste must be called in by Wednesday** for pick-up on Thursday.

Furniture, construction materials, and other **large items need to be called in by Thursday** for pick-up on Friday.

See special insert for complete details.

**Sign Up Form for
Community Yardsale
Saturday, February 3, 2018
8 am to 2 pm**

A great opportunity to get rid of your excess “stuff”, and make money for yourself! Sign up now - all you pay is \$5 to offset the cost of the newspaper ads and signs. Place your sale items in your driveway early – shoppers start coming around 7:30, and by 8 am, the streets are lined with cars.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Make checks payable to G.O.E.H.A.

Send this form with your \$5 payment to:

Renee Gluvna
3836 Calliandra Dr.
Sarasota FL 34232

Or you can place it in the “frog” mailbox near the front door at this address.)

Crime Report

November 6 at 2:15 pm, a break-in occurred to a home in the 3600 block of Allenwood Street. It appears that entry was through the front door, which was damaged in the process. The entry set off the alarm system, at which point the intruder probably exited through the rear door (door had been opened). Nothing was discovered missing. The alarm system probably prompted the intruder to leave before he /she could think about taking anything.

Please make a police report if any crime or vandalism occurs on your property; then notify us so that we can send out an alert to all. Call 911 if an emergency; otherwise use a police non-emergency number (941) 316-1199. It is important to report all crime incidents, as the police can track trends and connect similar crimes to the same individual(s).

Dues Increase for 2018

We have tried to hold off on raising dues as long as possible. Eight years have passed since our last dues increase. Prices on everything have increased considerably in that time-frame. The modest increase of \$10 this year will be helpful. However, to keep pace with rising costs, an additional increase can be anticipated for the following year.

To provide for unexpected costs, it is necessary to maintain a reasonable amount in our reserve account. Unbudgeted expenses can occur at any time: many of our large Canary Island Date Palms date back to the 1960's and are not in the best condition. We had to remove two when the tops broke off during windstorms. Another had to be removed because of ganoderma disease. And last year, one became a safety issue requiring removal. Tree removal is costly, and at some point we will need to consider replacing those that have died.

Hurricanes can also cause significant damage to our landscaping, signs, and lighting. Reserve funds are also necessary for maintaining our beautiful wall: cleaning and painting.

2018 Schedule of Board Meetings

January 23 (following Neighborhood Meeting)
March 6
May 1
August 7
October 2
November 6 Annual Meeting

All meetings are on Tuesdays evenings, begin at 7:00 pm, and are now held at Harvest Tabernacle Church – 3650 17th St, unless otherwise stated on signs posted at our entrances. All meetings are open to all members of the Association.

Town N Country Shopping Center

Benderson Development Corporation has submitted plans to the City's Development Review Committee to partially demolish the existing Town N Country Shopping Center and parking lot (where the old Sweetbay store was). The plan includes the construction of two new detached structures: a 5,000 sq. ft. structure for unspecified retail, the other structure to be divided into three tenant spaces: a 48,783 sq. ft. grocery store (Publix) with drive-through pharmacy, a 2,000 sq. ft. liquor store, and a 4,130 sq. ft. space for unspecified retail use. A total of 302 parking spaces will be provided, with access from both N. Beneva Rd and Fruitville Rd.

A Pre-Application Session was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 before the Development Review Committee. Opportunities for citizens' comments will come at the required Neighborhood Workshops and public hearings before the Planning Board and City Commission. Hopefully, the plans will be appropriate and bring new life to that aged shopping center!

Watch out for Phone Scams!

Phone scams are more prevalent than ever, and they are frequently targeted at older people. The following is just a sampling:

IRS scams – threaten to arrest unless an immediate payment is made for “unpaid taxes”.

Courthouse / law enforcement scams - fining for “missing jury duty”: pay immediately or go to jail.

Utility company scams – threaten to turn off the water, gas, or electricity within hours unless payment is made immediately on the supposedly “delinquent account”.

Charity scams – callers asking for contributions to bogus organizations. Before you donate to a charity, check out their reputation at: Give.org, CharityNavigator.org, CharityWatch.org, or GuideStar.org.

Computer scams – callers claiming that your computer is corrupted, and for a price they will “fix” it for you. Or that your Microsoft license key has expired and you need to purchase a renewal.

Credit Card scams – your bank calls saying there is a problem with your account – they “need” your account number, birth date and last four digits of your social security number.

Prize scams – you have been selected to win “whatever”. Be very careful!

Bottom Line: If you suspect that the call you answered is a scam, just hang up. Don't try to be nice about it and give some excuse, because the scammer will just try harder to convince you.

Wanted:

Reliable person with computer skills needed to assist with paperwork, filing, and correspondence in a private home. Call: (941) 296-1576.

A Restatement of our Advertising Policy

Advertisements that appear in the text of this newsletter do not constitute recommendations by the Board of Directors or the Glen Oaks Estates Homeowners' Association for the specific companies or individuals mentioned. Any individual or company may place an advertisement in the newsletter by contacting Renee Gluvna at (941) 366-1621. All ads must be in good taste and not offensive. The fees listed below for ads help to offset the publishing costs. Payment must be received in advance of publication.

Ad Prices:

\$5 = Business-card size

\$10 = Quarter-page

\$20 = Half-page

\$40 = Full-page

Ad will appear in color in email edition. For printed copies (that are mailed to those without email): color printing of any size ad is an additional \$20. The color surcharge may be shared with another advertiser on the same page.

A New Year for Glen Oaks Estates

By Norman Dumaine

A New Year brings with it a world of possibilities, a chance to set new goals, to look ahead to new activities, and to become involved in making Glen Oaks Estates a strong, vibrant community. Our HOA Board can't do it alone. Attend meetings, join a planning committee, volunteer for a special event, suggest a new activity, reach out to neighbors, give support to those around you in need of a helping hand, and thank those who contribute so much to making this a great place to live. Besides giving many hours of their time, many of our residents (you may not know this), share their appreciation for Glen Oaks Estates by contributing even more than the required membership dues or offering to supplement costs for landscaping projects or special events. Include in your New Year's resolutions at least one thing you will do to make our neighborhood a better place to live. Happy New Year to all from your Board of Directors!

A Change of Plans for Former Mobile Home Park

By Norman Dumaine

The Avant Garde Academy has now withdrawn its application to create a new charter school on the 7.5 acre site of the former Circus City Trailer Park, 930 N. Beneva, because it failed to meet Sarasota County School District Review Standards. Instead, the Charter School Beneva, LLC, has submitted a new application for a Day Care Center with a capacity of 300 children. As in the plans for the charter school, the Beneva Day Care will be a two-story building with an enhanced buffer along the north boundary line adjacent to The Glen. In addition, a review of the previous traffic study is underway. Sarasota's Development Review Committee will consider the new proposal on Wednesday, January 3, at 9:00 am, Room 112 in City Hall, 1565 First Street. The owner of the property has indicated he will likely renew in the future an application for the Avant Garde Academy.

See Next Page for new requirements regarding Trash and Discards!

Glen Oaks Estates Schedule for Trash and Discards Pickup

City of Sarasota trash and yard waste: (941) 365-7651

Recycling, electronic waste, and large discards: call Waste Pro at 941-355-9600

Wait till Wednesday after 5:00 pm to place items at the curb, please!

Thursday Pickup: trash, recyclables, yard waste, electronic waste.

Call by Wednesday for pickup of electronic waste and loose yard waste.

Friday Pickup: large items such as furniture, large appliances, construction waste.

Call by Thursday for pickup.

TRASH:

- Fill the City trash container with trash only, not recyclable items or yard-waste as the City will not take mixed refuse.

GLASS, METAL, PLASTIC #1 thru #7 (blue bin), PAPER, CARDBOARD (green bin):

- Flatten or cut cardboard boxes into pieces to fit into the green bin. If there are too many to fit, place alongside the bin.

YARD-WASTE:

- Lawn and landscape waste should be placed neatly at the curb no earlier than Wednesday, unless there is a large quantity. For a large amount that is impractical to tie into bundles or place into containers or bags, call for pickup by a claw truck (941) 365-7651 (minimum charge of \$26.41). Smaller amounts: place into containers or bags (32 gallons or less / 50 lbs or less). Or tie into bundles no more than 4-feet in length.

LARGE DISCARDS/SPECIAL WASTE: Place at curb and call for special pickup (941) 355-9600

- Construction waste: Up to one cubic yard of waste per week of residentially-generated construction debris. (Approximate amount that will fit into the back of a small pickup truck).
- Appliances such as: inoperative refrigerators, freezers, ranges, water heaters, washers, dryers and similar appliances. Doors MUST be removed.
- Bulk Waste: Large residential items such as furniture, mattresses, ladders, other appliances, and other large items. Carpet must be cut into 4-foot lengths.
- E-waste: Includes inoperative electronic equipment such as computers, monitors, TVs, printers, scanners, fax machines.
- Tires - place up to 4 at the curb at a single address (NO rims).
- Used oil – placed in clear plastic containers with screw-on lids. Up to 5 used oil filters placed in a clean zip-lock bag.

HAZARDOUS WASTE: The following items will not be collected: empty tar buckets, liquid paint, household or lawn chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, CFLs, batteries for cordless phones, button batteries, and rechargeable batteries. The city hosts special collections during the year where hazardous waste can be dropped off. Or you can take it to the Bee Ridge Rd Facility at 8750 Bee Ridge Rd. from 8-4 Wed - Sat, (941) 861-5000. Empty paint cans may be left open to dry, then put into the city trash container.