

GULF GATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Golf Course Development**
- **New Construction.
..too much??**
- **Bit of GG History**
- **Bunco on
April 13**
- **Spring Forward!**

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The opinions expressed therein are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of GGCA.

Welcome News!



New residents to Gulf Gate Estates will soon receive a "Welcome Letter" inviting them to join the Gulf Gate Community Association.

Information about the community and what our deed restrictions entail are included.

The latest edition of the newsletter, our www.ggca.us website, and contact details will be featured.

Thanks to Sue Stover, Kathy Butler, Karen Goodrick and Katie Fogarty for developing this important project to introduce our neighbors to our great community.

Mark your calendars for the next 2024 GGCA General meetings at the GG Library:

Tuesday, April 23 at 5:30 pm

Tuesday, September 24 at 5:30 pm

Tuesday, November 12 at 5:30 pm

Board meetings are at 5:30 pm on March 4, April 9, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 6, and December 3.

Please send your **email address to:** <https://ggca.us/resources/news-and-events/subscribe-to-our-blog/> to stay up-to-date on community happenings. (Your email address is ONLY used for Gulf Gate business).

Golf Course Development Update

The owner of the former Gulf Gate golf course, requested a 120 day extension from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to confer with their engineering consultants. This coincides with delayed approval by the FDEP of the Dewatering Plan submitted by the owner in February 2024.

Concerns include the arsenic levels in water pumped from the existing ponds into newly excavated ponds on the perimeter of the property. Commercial pumps will also be used to remove contaminated

groundwater from an aquifer that extends outside the golf course property into the Gulf Gate community. This “zone of influence” is of particular concern because of the possibility of causing sinkholes or foundation issues for existing homes. The plan indicates pumping would continue for 120 days. Clearly, this proposal demonstrates the challenges and hazards of dense development on this property.

A recent discussion with the Director of Public Works indicates the

County remains committed to the purchase of the 49 acres for stormwater retention.

Based on this recent development, a more detailed and comprehensive statement from the Gulf Gate Community Association will be submitted to the FDEP and the Board of Sarasota County Commissioners.

Stay tuned for updates as new information becomes available.

Cass Smith



Spring forward
set clocks one hour ahead

FYI -

For some reason, the home at the NW corner of Gulf Gate Drive and Curtiss Avenue (across from the library) is NOT located in Gulf Gate, and therefore does not have GGCA deed restrictions. Any boats, trailers or RVs on their property are not in violation.

New Construction: How Much Is Too Much?



Many citizens are concerned about the building boon in Sarasota County.

One proposed plan for Sarasota Square Mall is for 1200 units in high rise buildings, which will produce 8000 vehicle trips daily.

Residents of Palmer Ranch communities will voice their concerns about traffic and density on March 7, at 5:00 pm. at the County Planning meeting, 1600 Ringling Blvd.

Gulf Gate residents might recall a similar struggle to prevent a rezone change for the former golf course in 2017.

Another area that is in dispute is the parcel adjacent to the Celery Fields, an internationally recognized bird sanctuary, where 170 units are proposed by DR Horton builders.

The Sarasota Audubon Society and others are against this rezone, citing environmental

damage to 400 acre sensitive birding areas and contaminants harmful to abundant wildlife.

A date for review of the rezone application by the Planning Commission has not been set.

Be heard!

Contact our local commissioners by email or phone, and let them know what you think about these projects.

The squeaky wheel gets the grease!



Bunco is a simple, fun, and quick dice game played with a partner at tables of four players. The best part is that after each set, the losers move to another table, so you are always playing with different people. **A great way to meet people and maybe make new friends!**

A trial run at the home of Don and Sue Stover (great hosts, by the way!) was successful, so now for the **BIG BUNCO GAME**.

JOIN US in the hall at ST. ANDREW CHURCH of CHRIST (6908 S Beneva Road) on SATURDAY, APRIL 13, at 6:00 p.m. Bring friends!

There will be appetizers, beverages, plus great prizes!

Please RSVP to communications@ggcaboard.us.

We choose to live in a deed restriction community because...



Here are a couple of examples what Gulf Gate would look like without deed restrictions.

It takes money to take homeowners to court, if they do not comply with our restrictions.

Please remember to pay your 2024 membership dues (by check or via our website.)

Many thanks to those who already paid!

BIT OF GULF GATE HISTORY

The Bispham family, who started Bayside Dairy in 1922, sold part of their acreage in 1957 to First Development Corporation.

On February 1, 1963, the Gulf Gate Community Association, Inc. (GGCA) was founded as a deed-restricted community.

The developer opened his office at 2100 Gulf Gate Drive where prospective buyers could choose from many different single-family, ranch-style house plans, many designed for retired couples or snowbirds. Some of the

homes are still occupied by the original owners.

In the early 1970s, construction began on the Gulf Gate Woods (GGW) subdivision with its own association. At some point, their association became inactive, so they joined GGCA. Colonial Terrace is also under GGCA.

Our Gulf Gate Library was originally a storefront on Gateway Avenue.

Leslie Shoemaker donated the 2.5 acre parcel at Curtiss Avenue and Gulf Gate Drive, and in 1983, the

new Gulf Gate Library opened its doors.

Wear and tear of being the busiest library in Sarasota County took its toll on the old building, and in December of 2013, groundbreaking was held for our new library.

