

GULF GATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024

President Cass Smith's message

HI Neighbors,

Tropical Storm Debby pummeled Sarasota County with rainfall totals of 10-15 inches.

Gulf Gate Estates experienced street flooding throughout the community with some vehicles, garages and lanais inundated.

Additionally, the Bounty lift station was breached spilling 96,000 gallons of sewage into the flood waters. This was the second flooding incident since June.

Many residents sent in photos depicting the flooding on their street and on the golf course where swales and ponds overflowed which provided documentation to the County, FDEP and the owner of the golf course.

Gulf Gate Community Association Board members and residents met twice with Commissioner Joe Neunder. These discussions centered

on the causes and solutions for neighborhood flood prevention.

Gulf Gate has received an increased volume of runoff from upstream developments. Prestancia, Country Club Estates, Mira Lago, Gulf Gate East and many developments west of Clark Road.

Our stormwater conveyances of Matheny Creek and Elligraw Bayou are at capacity. Our local storm drains, and street runoff then back up causing increased flood damage.

The pressure on outdated infrastructure causes incursion of stormwater into sewage lines and lift stations.

All developments since 1992 are required to contain 10 inches of rainfall within 24 hours. Runoff is anything over that amount.

There are no provisions for storing the excess or regulating the volume of runoff into our stormwater conveyances.

Clearly, with the ever increasing number of intense rain events, this regulation is outdated.

The County must mandate increases in the stormwater capacity for developments to protect downstream communities.

Follow the guidelines in the Watershed Basin Master Plans.

GGCA MEETINGS

Gulf Gate Library

5:30 p.m.

Next General Meetings:

*** Tuesday, Sept 24 ***

SPEAKERS:

COMMISSIONER NEUNDER

&

FEMA CLAIMS REP

Tuesday, Nov 12 (elections)

Board Meetings:

First Tuesday

of every month

(except November; 6
Wednesday)

Local events



FARMERS' MARKET

Every **Wednesday**
October 2 to April 30
9:00 to 1:00
Phillippi Estate Park
5500 S. Tamiami Tr

Fresh veggies, fruit,
and so much more!



2024 OLD MIAKKA FALL HOOTENANNY & SCHOOLHOUSE BENEFIT

DATE: Sunday, October 6
TIME: 10:00 to 3:00
PLACE: 15800 Wilson Road, Sarasota (Old Miakka) **

FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING

Incredible paintings by local artists, educational booths, live music, brookstick pony races, bubble gum blowing, hog callin', rooster crowing, and husband callin' contests! Wheel of Cake, Silent Auction, Dakin Dairy Ag Barn and more!

Pork & Chicken plates by Southern Smoked, hot dogs, desserts and drinks available (no coolers, please).

** East end of Fruitville Road, turn right, you will see the schoolhouse.

Proceeds of the event benefit preservation of the 1914 Old Miakka Schoolhouse.



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OSPREY / GULF GATE

Saturday, October 5, 2024, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Bring your discarded household items, yard waste, tree trimmings and any other garbage or refuse.

Traiga sus artículos de desecho de su casa, basura del patio, desechos de árboles, chatarra y cualquier otra basura o desecho.

*****Hazardous materials (paint, oil, aerosol cans), electronics WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED*****

Hazardous waste may be taken to 8750 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota
Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

*****Appliances and up to (4) car tires will be accepted at the MAIN SITE only (localidad principal solamente)*****

Free dumpsters will be available for residential customers at the following location:

- 7112 Curtiss Avenue (opposite Gulf Gate Library)

Sponsored by Sarasota County Planning and Development Services/Code Enforcement
Call 311 for more info.

The Gulf Gate/Gulf Gate Woods community is a wonderful place to live, work, and play. We comprise over 1500 homes, as well as many diverse eateries, taverns, salons, & unique shops - which define a great array of small businesses in our community.

SHOP LOCAL . . . Please support

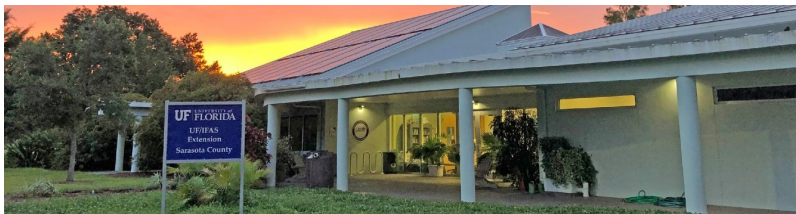
GULF GATE VILLAGE!



Check out these resources for helpful information about making the best Florida landscaping choices:

[The Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Guide to Plant Selection & Landscape Design](#) (2010), published by the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS)

[Storm Wise South Florida Landscapes](#) (landscaping in hurricane-prone southern Florida), by the South Florida Water Management District



Sarasota County Extension Office
6700 Clark Road 861-9900
www.sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu
Office: M-F 8:00 to 5:00

Our **Sarasota County Extension office** offers a PLANT CLINIC Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:00 to 3:00.

They also offer Master Gardening training, home irrigation checks, pest/plant help, soil and water testing, and have many classes available.

Florida's environment and climate present unique challenges for creating and maintaining landscapes. They offer research-based assistance, information, and advice. Whether you are developing a vegetable garden, choosing landscape plants, seeking information about lawn care, or looking for the latest professional training, their resources can help!

The extension office is a valuable resource and with veggie planting just around the corner, now is a good time to plan a visit!

FRESH START with a **CART**



NEW AUTOMATED GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES BEGIN **MARCH 2025**



Current disposal guidelines for recycling and yard waste will not change.
For more information visit scgov.net/freshstartwithacart or call **311**.



The current Agreement with Waste Management, Inc. expires March 29, 2025. The collection of Residential Waste and/or Commercial Waste is limited for a period not to exceed 20 years by ordinance. Sarasota County was able to solicit competitive bids from franchise haulers to secure a high level of customer service at the best value for the new contracts. The Sarasota County Commission approved new hauler contracts for the collection of garbage, recycling and yard waste on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. was selected as the new hauler for the Solid Waste North Service Area and FCC Environmental Services of Florida, LLC was selected as the new hauler for the Solid Waste South Service Area.

The new contracts take effect on March 30, 2025, and the new collection services begin on March 31, 2025. Until then, unincorporated Sarasota County residents and visitors should continue to follow current disposal guidelines for collection services.

There have been a number of changes in technology and collection processes over the past 20+ years. Sarasota County used the data obtained from the 2022 Solid Waste Market Assessment to negotiate contracts with the new franchise haulers to retain, focusing on the most important services at the most cost-effective rates.

Automated garbage collection

The county is moving to automated garbage collection which is a process used by waste haulers where garbage and collection vehicles use mechanical arms to empty the contents from the containers. The automated process is safer for the collection staff and operators and more cost effective and efficient. The standard containers are supplied to property owners and help reduce windblown litter while also presenting a more uniform community appearance. View the CART FAQ for more information.

One franchise hauler to two franchise haulers

The change from one franchise hauler to two franchise haulers will provide each hauler with the opportunity to create new, efficient routes and run collection operations five days a week in their contracted service area.

Based on the new service area routes, most residents should anticipate a change in their service collection day beginning on March 31, 2025.

Summary of Gulf Gate Residents' Meeting on September 9,

with Commissioner Joe Neunder

Thanks Commissioner for your time and comments at our meeting. And especially, listening to our concerns about flooding and methods of resolution of the issues. We hope to learn more from you at our **Membership Meeting on September 24**, at the Gulf Gate Library. You are scheduled to speak at 6:15 pm.

1. Outdated county 100 year flood stormwater containment requirement. The 10 inch/24 hour rainfall requirement for new developments was established in 1992. These stormwater management systems do not reflect the increasing number of intense rain events because of climate change conditions. This is demonstrated by the runoff that has flooded the low lying communities twice this year. The Basin conveyances are at capacity because of the volume and velocity from upstream runoff resulting in backup of storm drains and sewage overflows in Gulf Gate Estates and similar communities.
2. Review the Matheny Creek and Elligraw Bayou Basin Master Plans. Implement sediment removal mandates. Increase vegetation removal to twice a year. Review proposals that would mitigate the level of service deficiencies for storage and water quality.
3. Review the Wastewater System: causes for sewer line breaks and breaching of lift stations like Bounty Master. Consider updating and expansion of older lines and stations and increasing staff. Institute a warning system to notify citizens about sewage in bay and gulf.
4. Institute a Regional Stormwater Management System as suggested in the Basin Master Plans.
5. Increase county efforts to acquire the 49 acre Gulf Gate golf course. This would allow expanded storage and filtration of excess runoff, provide historic drainage for flood prevention for Gulf Gate and green space for the county citizens.
 - a. Have a 3rd party negotiate with the owner.
 - b. Get new appraisals and utilize the SC Property Appraiser's office and the owner's costs for testing and improvements to arrive at a correct offer.
 - c. Review county's interest in preventing the spread of arsenic contamination onto adjacent properties and LSB during flooding if soil disturbance commences.
6. Review the approved County Site Plan for the Gulf Gate golf course. Review and provide evidence that the stormwater compensation is adequate for the site. The stormwater management plan for the site was not approved by the County in 2016.

*At least four submissions by Medallion Homes were rejected by County Stormwater. However, it was approved at purchase by 13th floor homes in 2022. *The property's location at 42% lies in a floodplain and in a FEMA designated flood zone. *The Matheny Creek Watershed Breakwater Lateral, installed in 2003 by the county runs through the golf course lands as a major drainage conveyance. *The lakes and golf course lands flooded during Tropical Storm Debby.

Respectfully yours, Cass Smith Gulf Gate Community Association



At our GULF GATE LIBRARY you can learn French or Spanish, build a pot, learn about cooking, or how about watching a travelogue of exotic places narrated by a local traveler?

Plus, so many wonderful events for children and teens!

Check out the GG Library calendar at:

Sarasotacountylibraries.org

Scroll down to ALL EVENTS, then select Gulf Gate Library.

Support **GG Friends of the Library** by buying a book in their store (just inside the library doors).



OSPREY LIBRARY and HISTORY CENTER

337 No Tamiami Trail, Osprey

OPEN: M-TH 10 to 5; Sat 10 to 2

The Sarasota County History Center is your one-stop shop for information and resources about Sarasota County's remarkable past. The History Center is also the headquarters for Sarasota County's historic preservation programs, which aim to identify and protect significant historic buildings and archaeological sites.

The History Center's large collection of archival records, historical newspapers, photographs, maps, and other materials are open to the public for research and enjoyment.

Understanding Rental Guidelines in Sarasota County

Renting a dwelling unit in Sarasota County involves specific guidelines based on zoning districts. For **Residential Single Family (RSF)** and certain Residential Multifamily (RMF) districts, **leases must be at least 30 days long, with no allowance for short-term rentals or transient accommodations.** However, on barrier islands like Siesta, Casey, and Manasota keys, RMF zoning allows for leases shorter than 30 days and permits short-term rental use.

Residents in other designated districts such as Open Use Agriculture (OUA), Open Use Rural (OUR), and Residential Estate (RE) can also rent dwelling units, provided leases are at least 30 days long.

For more information or to address concerns about zoning regulations, please contact us at zoning@scgov.net or call 311 or 941-861-5000. You can also submit complaints via the 311Connect mobile app or email ceadmin@scgov.net.

To learn more:

<https://www.scgov.net/home/showpublisheddocument/42331/638527424747>

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