From the Board of Directors

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Our community recently suffered a severe weather event, which included strong winds, heavy rain, and numerous lightning strikes. One of the lightning bolts struck a home on Tecumseh Circle resulting in a fire spreading rapidly throughout the structure. Fortunately, the residents managed to escape without injury to themselves or their two little dogs. The Charlotte County Fire & EMS responded quickly to the call and had two fire engines on the scene within minutes, extinguishing the blaze. Unfortunately, there is little that is salvageable from the home, including a car that was in the garage. The Red Cross has provided temporary hotel accommodations for the family until they can find a place to stay while their home is rebuilt. There have been several offers from other SGC residents to share their living quarters during the recovery.

To aid in their recovery, the SGC HOA has donated $1,000 to Joe and Susie Milan, and is soliciting contributions from the community as well to cover immediate needs like medicine, food, clothing, etc. Gift cards from Walmart and Home Depot as well as cash are most useful. Checks should be made out to Joseph and Susie Milan.

Donations may be sent to Joe & Susie Milan c/o Amber Davidson at Anytime Fitness, 41 Chaillet Road, Rotonda West, FL 33947 or dropped off at the studio in person, or to Becky Borci, Coldwell Banker Realty, right next door.

Thanks to everyone for helping Joe and Susie recover from this devastating loss.

Sincerely,

P.J. Watson, President SGC HOA
Community Service Announcements

Charlotte County Information

For the latest news and events, here are a few good sources:

- Charlotte County Portal: https://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/
- Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office: https://www.ccso.org/and Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/CCSOFLSheriff

Pickleball Anyone? by Gary Hagen, gchag@hotmail.com, 941-697-1185

With the high demand for pickleball and limited availability of courts in the area, we sent a survey to HOA and Yacht Club members to explore the possibility of building 4 courts at the Pavilion.

We used a free survey tool, Survey Monkey and received 277 responses. The free survey only tabulates the first 100 responses (. A summary of the responses indicates that people are interested in pickleball courts (55/100 in favor), don’t want to contribute (39/100 willing to contribute), and believe members should get a discount (81/100 want member discount). It also seems that the charitable tax deduction status doesn’t seem to make a difference in contributions (51/100 would contribute if tax deductible). The BOD will be meeting with Gary to determine our next steps.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the project, please contact Gary.

Charlotte County Seeks Volunteer for Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee (BPAC) by Linda Harrison, twoparrot2@AOL.com

Charlotte County’s Punta Gorda Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is seeking a representative from West County, which includes SGC, to be on the BPAC. This group makes recommendations to the MPO Board on bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including planning and completion of projects. The MPO was established to provide a forum for transportation and planning services. It also coordinates governmental needs and goals and works to recruit public involvement.

Meetings are generally held on the 3rd Thursday in the months of February, June, October, and November at 2 pm at the Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron Street in Port Charlotte.

If interested, contact the Metropolitan Planning Organization at (941) 883-3535, email office@ccmpo.com or their website at www.ccmpo.com.
Who’s Responsible for Fire Hydrants in SGC by Peter Watson, president@southgulfcovefl.org

Per Charlotte County Sec. 3-3-4Municode: “Hydrants shall be maintained as necessary by the utility. Fire districts shall be responsible for inspecting hydrants at least annually and for the removal of any vegetation obstructing hydrants. Fire districts shall provide and install blue reflective markers.” A report must be provided when water is drawn from a hydrant. The report includes hydrant location; date on which water was drawn; test results (e.g., static and residual pressures); and actual or estimated amount of water consumed.

I recently spoke with CC Fire/EMS Deputy Chief Jason Fair to address questions and concerns related to the status of the fire hydrants in SGC.

Chief Fair indicated that there was no delay in getting water onto the Tecumseh fire because they had two engines at the scene (1000 gallon tanks each), after which a supply line was laid down from one of the engines to the hydrant, and then the hydrant was pumped to supply water to the other engine at the scene. He said that they did not have any problem locating the hydrant, but that the main (steamer) connection cap was “stuck,” and hard to remove, which may have caused some delay in getting the pumper hooked up to the hydrant, as well as having restricted access because of the brush overgrowth.

I indicated our willingness to have our Neighborhood Watch volunteers report those hydrants in need of brush removal or a blue reflective roadway marker. He was very receptive to this idea and provided contact information.

Hydrant locations are shown on the ccgis.org maps if selected from the “layers” menu. The number and location of fire hydrants is determined by a formula in use at the time of original installation of the water lines, and usually calls for a specific spacing; i.e., every 500 ft or every 1000 ft. The criteria are usually developed by the casualty insurance industry, and are dependent on factors such as looped or dead-end water mains, etc.

The hydrant in question on Tecumseh has already been inspected by CC Utilities, and the pressure and flow rate checked. They painted the top a bright orange, which denotes a flow rate of more than 1500 gallons per minute at water main pressure. (Much more than that is obtainable when the hydrant is pumped by a fire engine, especially using the big front steamer connection.)

Notice of Bylaws Change - Article VII by Pete Watson, president@southgulfcovefl.org

Please read the following proposed change (discussed at the June Membership meeting) in preparation for the vote at the September meeting. The rationale for the proposed changes is:

1) The HOA’s Finance Committee is staffed with competent people (Article VII, Section 1 D) who tend to stay on the Committee from year to year.
2) It is customary on most homeowner’s associations to have the Financial Committee and the Financial Reporting Committee (Article VII, Section 1 E) as one committee
3) Per consultation with a CPA, the duties should be in one committee for proper and smooth flow of information for both setting a budget and doing a yearly review.

Therefore:
The Financial Reporting Committee (Article VII, Section 1 E) shall be deleted and the responsibilities of said committee shall be moved to The Finance Committee (Article VII, Section 1 D). Article VII. Section 3 D shall read as follows:

Finance Committee: This Standing Committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members who shall be appointed by a majority of the Board of Directors at the January meeting. It shall be the duties of this Standing Committee to conduct a financial review of the Association’s financial records at close of the February membership meeting, provide a written report of the same at the April membership meeting, and work with the Association’s Treasurer to prepare and submit the annual budget to the Association for approval by the membership at the Association’s Annual membership meeting. Additionally, if the Secretary or Treasurer vacates that office, this Standing Committee shall audit that former Officer’s records and report to the Association regarding same at the next scheduled membership meeting.
Pavilion Fund Raising - Penny Jar by Irma Whitmer, 941-697-1772

The penny jar collected $50.56 at the June meeting. There were no matches.
Just a reminder that all penny jar proceeds go to the maintaining and needs of our HOA pavilion.

HOA Store by Trish Mills, dynat03@aol.com

Please stop by the HOA store and browse our selections of T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, visors, shopping bags, etc. The proceeds benefit HOA building fund raising.
The HOA store is typically set up at our monthly HOA meetings. The next pop-up store will be at the September HOA meeting. Please stop by; members receive a 20% discount on all merchandise in September! Have a great summer!!!

Social Committee - Save the Date, November 2nd by Fran Hamilton, sunbird2302@yahoo.com

The HOA Social Committee is planning another event, a NAB (Neighbors Are Back) pot-luck lunch for Saturday, November 2nd from 12 pm 3 pm. Please put on your calendar!
The HOA will provide the meat and we are asking our neighbors to bring your choice of a dish, e.g., a vegetable, pasta or dessert. We will also provide lemonade, tea, and water.
The beautiful patio should be completed by Labor Day; so, weather permitting, our patio will be set up for the luncheon. We will have some fun games to play so come one, come all. It is an exciting time to be a member of the HOA!

Membership Committee by Sharon Hoffman 941-441-5657, sharedsecrets4u@aol.com

Our new Membership Committee Chair has a philosophy very fitting for SGC: “If it isn’t fun, I don’t want to do it!” Everyone is technically on the Membership team because if there is someone new in your neighborhood, go and welcome them. Get their name, contact email and address and send it to the Membership Committee! Tell them we want to properly welcome them. Invite/bring them to the next event where they can get connected. Introduce them around.
Also, when you visit a business in Port Charlotte or Englewood, let them know how SGC is growing and we would like their support to tell all the neighbors about their business. This will benefit everyone.
The sooner we gather some volunteers to help the Membership Committee, the sooner we can get it running smoothly. If you have some extra time and like meeting new people, contact Sharon. Thank you for your help. Let’s make being a part of SGC fun!
Cleanup Committee by Linda Harrison, directorharrison@southgulfcovefl.org

Adopt a Road Cleanup - Gasparilla Road (both sides Ingraham to Appleton)

On a quarterly basis SGC residents clean Gasparilla Road (excluding median) of debris. The program is supported by Keep Charlotte Beautiful, Inc, a non-profit affiliated with Charlotte County under the Keep American Beautiful umbrella. Galloway Roofing (SGC resident owner) cleans up Gasparilla from San Domingo to Ingraham.

For the most recent cleanup on June 15th, 14 volunteers picked up in just a few short hours ~300 lbs of trash (e.g., palm fronds, coolers, signs, and piping). Aluminum cans were recycled through the SGC Yacht Club. The trash and other items were placed underneath the blue signs on Gasparilla. New this time were the magnetic signs affixed to the participating vehicles to help identify and promote participation.

Thanks to all who came out, and a big shout out to the members of the Cleanup Committee for set up and take down! Below are some pictures of the volunteers and the new magnetic signs.

The Next Big Cleanup October 5th 8 am - 12 pm

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

The next BIG SGC Neighborhood cleanup needs all types of volunteers including walkers, boat captains, truck drivers, and even those on golf carts!

“Golden Broom” awards are given to the person(s) voted on by the participants for the most unusual item found on land and in the canals. Dumpsters will be on site at the Pavilion. All supplies provided. Wear closed toe shoes. Lunch will be provided by Anita Gross, of Paradise Exclusive.

It takes a village to keeping SGC green and pristine. Our proactive Cleanup Committee sponsors two major cleanups and the Adopt-A-Road cleanup each year. If you would like to be on the Cleanup Committee, please contact Linda.

Trash Collection Information for New Residents

Trash collection (recycling and household garbage) occurs on Mondays. Place ONLY large bagged items in the household trash. NO loose items, which could blow out of the waste trucks and end up in our canals and streets. DO NOT use plastic bags for the recycled items (yellow top trash cans). DO use PAPER bags for shredded paper. E waste (e.g., printers, computers, laptops) can be left at your curb. Just call ahead to Waste Management for pick up.

The transfer station, located on Gulfstream Blvd, is open Tuesday - Saturday. Residents must show ID and are allowed 10 drop offs of items per year.
The CARE Committee greatly appreciates your support of our projects throughout the year. Future projects include:

- June - November: Our signature project “Shoeboxes for Seniors” in conjunction with the Meals on Wheels program will be the focus for the summer and the holiday months. Remember to save those travel toiletries for our shoeboxes.
- August/September: Back to School Bash (Stay tuned for more information)
- October: Scholarship fund raiser for 2020 (Place to be determined)
- December: Delivery of Shoeboxes for Seniors
- On-going:
  - Used eyeglasses and cell phone - collected at meetings or by contacting a Care Committee member
  - Aluminum beverage can pull tabs - place in mini-McDonald’s House at the Pavilion for Ronald McDonald Charities

PAPERBACK BOOK DRIVE - Throughout the summer and into the fall, the Care Committee would like for you to save your gently used paperback books and donate them to our Shoeboxes for Seniors project. We will be collecting new and gently used books beginning in September to be added to the boxes.

Save the Date - We are planning a bus trip to Bok Tower, Lake Wales for their holiday home tour, tentatively, for December 4th. Look for more information at the September HOA meeting. Should be a lot of fun and ALL are invited,hubbies, neighbors, and friends!

Bunco Games

Bunco is now every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month ALL YEAR LONG (12:30 pm at the Pavilion)!

Just bring $6.00 and your cold drink. We are in A/C, so, no fret there. All are invited to come. Bring your friends, neighbors, etc. and come have some fun. It’s a very easy game to learn, takes about 30 seconds (LOL). You win for having the most losses, wins, and most buncos. All the money is split 3 ways. What other game pays you for being LAST?? Come on over and meet some great ladies in our neighborhood!
Special Occasions & Congratulations Corner

You can submit articles on special occasions that you would like to share with the community. Examples include births, graduations, birthdays, and anniversaries. Submittals should be sent to Sheryl.Dyner@comcast.net by the 21st of each month.

Crafty Girls by Irma Whitmer, 941-697-1772

The “Girls” will resume after summer break on September 11th (at the Pavilion at 12:30 pm every 2nd and 4th Wednesday). If you’re new in the neighborhood, first off, WELCOME, and secondly, if you’d like to meet some great ladies and have fun, come on over. You don’t even have to be crafty! No dues, no obligations, just a good place to meet and make some money for our community. The Crafty Girls have contributed a LOT of money to our property and Pavilion and we have a LOT more to do. We’ll meet.

Pets of the Month

You can submit your pet’s photo and name and if you want you can also tell us a little story about your pet. Submittals should be sent to Sheryl.Dyner@comcast.net by the 21st of each month. Please put your pet’s name in the subject line. We are looking forward to seeing your pets.

SGC HOA Officers & Directors

You can contact the SGC HOA Officers and Board of Directors at: board@southgulfcovefl.org.

- Pete Watson  President
- Tim Bullard  First Vice President
- Jerry Berg  Second Vice President
- Sheryl Blocklin  Secretary
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- Linda Harrison  Director at Large
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