



# SOUTH GULF COVE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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## Hello Neighbors!

South Gulf Cove is a great place to live, play, relax, and make friends. This close-knit community is a little piece of paradise for those who enjoy great year-round weather, beautiful beaches and waterways, recreation, and close proximity to shopping and dining.

Our neighborhood is growing and there is a real sense of pride for those who call South Gulf Cove home. **The Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove (CCT)** belongs to the residents of this thriving neighborhood. We exist to make our community and beyond a better place.

In this issue you will learn more about the CCT's upcoming fundraisers, our committees and how we benefit the community. *Neighborhood News* is published in Spring and Fall. We feel it is important to be able to share what's going on in the community through its publication.

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# Looking back on the CCT's accomplishments in 2022



Mark Vaccaro, CCT President

## Benefitting the Residents of SGC

### Our Mission

*The Conservancy & Community Trust of South Gulf Cove, (CCT) is a 501c3, non-profit organization supporting South Gulf Cove and it's surrounding communities through donations, grants, and scholarships.*

*The CCT sponsors and supports local community programs, charities, community improvement projects, and individuals in need.*

- Little Lending Library-repaired, monitoring and keeping books rotated
- 2022 Furry Scurry Success-\$16,000 raised for 3 rescues, 2 shelters, and 1 Animal rehab
- Pampered Chef Fundraiser for Furry Scurry
- Spring newsletter of 2022 introduced new format and color advertising-Spring and Fall editions sold out
- Welcomed Joan Conway to our board as a Grant writing advisor
- 4/1 Easter Food & Clothing Drive
- Gave (4) \$1500 Scholarships to LBHS students in SGC through CCT Fundraisers
- Maintaining and updating our website [www.southgulfcovecct.org](http://www.southgulfcovecct.org)
- CCT Chairs the Big Red Bus-collected 209 units and saved 627 lives-CCT fills the appointments
- CCT partnered with the HOA Social Committee to support the community with a spaghetti dinner after Hurricane Ian
- Golf Tournament raised \$4108.18 for our scholarship program
- Purchased 8 new Christmas wreaths for the front entrances of the community
- Wrote our first grant of 2022 for Hurricane relief
- Introduced Friday night Charitable Bingo's monthly for charities we support
- Maintains two social media pages with events and fundraisers
- Pursuing future grants to benefit SGC
- Participated in the HOA Meet and Greets promoting our programs



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 Board Advisor----- Joan Conway

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Care Committee -----Becky Frye  
 SGC CERT ----- Geoff Norton  
 Angel Wish-----Maggie Cerro  
 CCT News Editor -----Marcia Vaccaro

## Stay Connected to CCT



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Conservancy & Community Trust  
 of South Gulf Cove (CCT) Facebook Group



SGC CERT (South Gulf Cove CERT)



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## Become a CCT Volunteer

If you have interest in any of our programs or committees, or have ideas for a committee that would be a great fit for the CCT, please contact us.

To become a CCT volunteer, simply complete the form at [southgulfcovecct.org](http://southgulfcovecct.org) or call 610-451-3370. We look forward to working with you.

**If you like what we do and have a passion for bettering the community and helping people, ask about becoming a board member advisor.**

**We need you!!**



**NEW**

# Calling all Bingo Players

## check out the dates below for Friday Night CCT Charitable Bingo



The Conservancy and Community Trust of SGC has started Friday Night Charitable Bingo nights in SGC. Join us for a fun Friday evening of Bingo and BYOB. Light snacks will be served and water will be supplied. **Our bingo packages range from \$10.00-\$25.00. This includes 14 games with an option to purchase a specialty game for Winner takes Most.**

Our January Bingo was a lot of fun and a big success. We were able to donate \$1016.00 to Englewood Helping Hands Food Pantry.

We will be supporting different charities through out the year so come out and enjoy the fun while helping us raise money for a great cause.

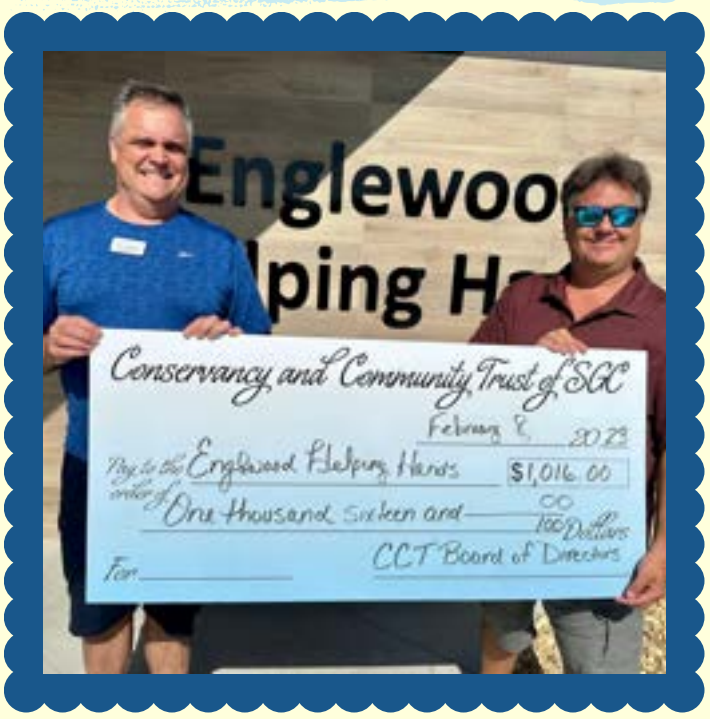
**Huge shout out to Nolts Outdoor Poly Furniture for sponsoring our March 3rd Friday Night Bingo snacks for our players. The owners live in South Gulf Cove.**

Let us know if you would like to promote your business in South Gulf Cove by sponsoring a bingo night too. Contact the CCT at: [info@southgulfcovecct.org](mailto:info@southgulfcovecct.org)/or call Mark at 610-451-3370.

Mark your calendars, all the Bingo dates are on the below flyer for your convenience.



CCT President Mark Vaccaro presenting \$1016.00 to the Englewood Helping Hands Pantry Administrator Lance Anderson



**Conservancy & Community Trust of South Gulf Cove Presents:**

**FRIDAY BINGO NIGHT**

**CCT Charitable Bingo**

**BYOB**

**Save the Dates**

March 3rd	June 2nd	Oct. 27th
April 14th	July 21st	Nov. 17th
May 5th	August 4th	Dec. 1st
	Sept. 22nd	

**SGC Clubhouse**  
14859 Ingraham BLvd.

Doors open at 5pm - Games start at 6pm

Anyone 18 or older are invited to play!  
Great Bingo Pay-outs, special games, and 50/50

**Do you want to promote your business and support the Community of SGC?? Sponsor the food for Friday Night Bingo!**  
Contact [info@southgulfcovecct.org](mailto:info@southgulfcovecct.org) for more information  
scan the QR code to access our website

## ***Donate and Save Lives***

The CCT is continuing to bring the Big Red Bus to SGC. By volunteering to be a chairperson for One Blood, we assist with scheduling the appointments for the bus. Our Blood drives were a huge success in 2022.

Donate in 2023 and help save lives.



Check out our April, June, August and October dates  
→  
Contact Mark Vaccaro  
610-451-3370  
or email  
[president@southgulfcovecct.org](mailto:president@southgulfcovecct.org)  
to schedule your appointment today

The SGC Big Red Bus collected 209 Units of Blood and helped save 627 lives



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The Big Red Bus is Back  
In SGC in 2023  
Save the Dates & Save Lives



SGC Clubhouse  
14859 Ingraham Blvd.

April 27th June 29th	August 31st October 28th	9am-4pm
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Schedule your Big Red Bus appointment today.  
Contact Mark for an appointment:  
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610-451-3370



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## ***We are sad to see Amazon Smile go***

The CCT would like to thank everyone who contributed to the CCT through Amazon Smile. Unfortunately, Amazon has decided to terminate the program.



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## ***Does your company match your charitable donations?***

Huge thank you to the neighbors and friends in South Gulf Cove that utilize their company match to donate to the **Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove** and the programs we support. Your contributions help us do what we do. If your company participates in a match program let us know. Company matching programs are a wonderful way to give back to your neighborhood non-profit



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## ***Tired of paying property tax on vacant land?***

The CCT board welcomes donated property. If you are tired of paying property tax on a vacant lot you have no use for, the CCT can provide you with a tax deduction equal to the appraised value of the property. If you know someone interested in pursuing this option, please contact: [info@southgulfcovecct.org](mailto:info@southgulfcovecct.org) or call 610-451-3370



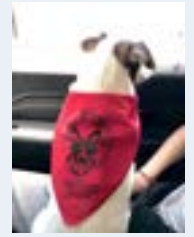
## *3rd Annual South Gulf Cove CCT Furry Scurry 5K Walk/Run Fundraiser*



February's 3rd Annual SGC CCT Furry Scurry was another success, despite the challenges of Hurricane Ian the day was amazing. Sending out a huge THANK YOU to the participants, sponsors, donors, volunteers, and spectators. This event could not be possible without you all!! We are looking forward to planning the 4th Annual Furry Scurry. Stay tuned for a date!! Scan the QR code to follow our Mascot Kush in the Furry Scurry journey on Facebook. I am happy to announce that we raised \$15,500.00 this year to support the following rescues and shelters.



- SWFL German Shepherd Rescue
- Labrador Retriever Rescue of FL
- Suncoast Humane Society
- Peace River Search and Rescue
- EARS
- Ruck 9
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## CCT Scholarship Fund

The CCT takes great pride in sponsoring fundraisers to support our SGC High School Seniors planning on going to a four year school, community college or trade school. Each year we strive to increase the amount of scholarships to be awarded through Charitable Bingo, Golf Tournaments, donations from SGC residents, etc. In 2022, 4 scholarships were awarded and the CCT is working hard to increase that number for 2023.

A Huge THANK YOU to SGC 2.0 administrator, Derrick Turner, for organizing this fundraiser (see flyer to the right) to support the scholarship mission. It is so wonderful to live in a community where our neighbors reach out to donate and help fundraise for our students. Contact Teresa Dailey at Lemon Bay High School Guidance Department for more information on how to apply.



**South Gulf Cove 2.0**  
**Golf Cart Poker Run**  
(or anything with wheels)

St. Patty's Day weekend  
**Saturday March 18th**  
**1:00 - 4:00**

\$25.00 per poker player/\$10.00 extra hands available at the Clubhouse at 4pm  
Contact Derrick Turner or Mark Wasson to purchase tickets

- 5 stops with Jello treats to collect your tickets for door prizes
- 2 Poker Hands included in the \$25 entry with prizes for best and worst hands
- Decorate your carts for extra fun

After you hit your stops we will meet at the clubhouse at 4pm to draw the poker hands, give out door prizes, and enjoy entertainment til 9:30

Proceeds of this event will go to the CCT High School Scholarship Funds

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## Lending Library

Visit your neighborhood **Little Lending Library** at the SGC Clubhouse at 14859 Ingraham Blvd. We are sure you can find a book to enjoy. Our motto is "Take a Book, Return a Book." Next time you are out riding your bike, taking a walk, or attending a function at the Clubhouse, stop by and check it out. The CCT is looking to expand the literacy program in SGC through potential grant applications/ and or donations.



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## CCT Angel Wish Program 2022



2022 Angel Wish Gifts



Basket Raffle



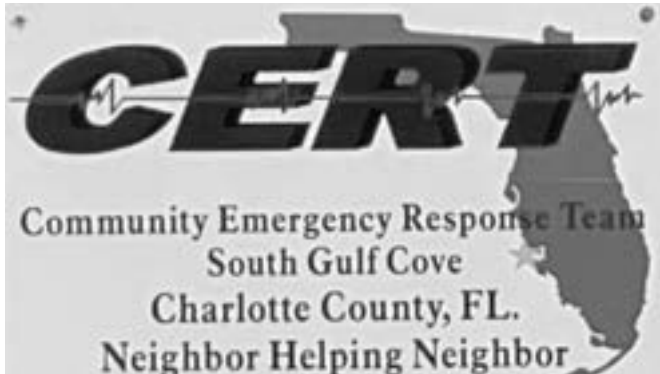
Bingo Success

Thank you to Maggie Cerro for heading up the 2022 CCT Angel Wish Program. This program is meant to help our SGC Neighbors that fall on hard times at the Holidays. Hurricane Ian increased the level of hardship through our community. Through fundraisers, the Angel Wish Bingo, and generous donations from this giving neighborhood, the Angel Wish Program was able to give 44 neighbors some holiday joy during the 2022 Holiday Season. Stay tuned for more details on the 2023 Angel Wish Program in October's Newsletter.

## CCT CERT Parrot Jack Head Fundraiser and Raffle

Get your tickets now for the CERT Parrot Head Party April 1st. It's going to be a fun evening with the band, Rocky Trop! 50/50 Raffle, and an E-Bike raffle. **Contact Geoff for tickets @ [Cert@southgulfcovecct.org](mailto:Cert@southgulfcovecct.org)** Proceeds of this fundraiser will support supplies for our CERT team and repairs for the CERT trailer.





## Neighbors Helping Neighbors Stay Safe

Operating under the umbrella of CCT, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT Team) is a dedicated group of highly motivated residents from SGC who have volunteered to take the required training for the purpose of forming and developing our local group. The heart of the CERT program is "A Neighbor Helping Neighbor."

### How are we funded?

CERT is self-funded. There are no tax dollars provided by the County. The County only provides training for volunteers. Funding is needed to maintain the trailer, stock all the necessary supplies and provide go bags for our volunteers.

### What does this mean for you?

In case of a major disastrous event, County provided emergency services could be negatively impacted and communication may be impinged. As soon as possible and when safe to do so, CERT assessment patrols start a visual survey of our community to determine damage levels and provide aid to those who require it. If our community experiences a significant destructive incident, the CERT team would provide a first response benefit to all SGC residents.

### "FRIENDS OF SGC CERT"

SGC CERT is looking for "Friends of SGC CERT".

Someone may be interested in joining but the county training has been postponed for some reason. Residents may have had prior training in emergency response or have additional equipment for use during an emergency. Our SGC CERT team and community will always welcome your help.

### How can you help??

- Make a tax-deductible donation, checks made out to SGC CCT/CERT
- Become a CERT Volunteer
- Become a Friend of CERT
- Look for Parrot Jack at Community Events and feed the CERT Parrot, Your donations are much appreciated
- Contact Geoff Norton: [Cert@southgulfcovecct.org](mailto:Cert@southgulfcovecct.org) for more information
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Parrot Jack, Don Hoffman, and Geoff Norton-CERT Director

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## The CCT CARE Committee is growing and doing great things for our community

The Care Committee is a program under the Conservancy and Community Trust of SGC, the community 501c3 non-profit. The all volunteer committee was formed in 2013 to provide a means for our neighbors to support projects and volunteer programs through donations of food, clothing, monetary sums, and other items as requested. The Care Committee placed donation bins and baskets at the clubhouse for donations. Bins include a hamper for gently used children's clothing for Kids Needs of Englewood, a wooden house box for drink pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, a box for eyeglasses for the Lion's Club, and a basket for hotel size toiletries for the Jesus Loves You mobile shower for the homeless. Information on projects or collections can be obtained through monthly newsletters, clubhouse bulletin boards, the CCT Facebook page, or contacting a Care Committee member. Our two signature projects occur in late summer and early fall.

- August is back to school supplies and Backpacks for Kids' Needs—these items go directly to students enrolled in local schools or in need of supplies.
- Santa Sack prep begins in August following the Back to School collections
- December we assemble our Santa Sacks for Englewood Meal on Wheels recipients. The sacks include a variety of treats, toiletries, and Christmas gifts. Monies for these projects are collected through donations and fundraising. Our Committee has several local businesses that we work with for donations.



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## 2022 Care Committee Completed Projects

- Collected, packed and delivered 220 Santa Sacks to Englewood Meals on Wheels program for homebound residents-December
- 30 Santa Sacks delivered to Jesus Loves you Ministry for their homeless clients-December
- Collected and delivered new and used children's clothing for Englewood Kids' Needs program in addition to 21 backpacks and multiple bags of school supplies and over \$400 in cash donations
- Collected and delivered travel size toiletries to JLYM for their homeless clients-On going
- Collected and delivered over 130 pairs of glasses for the Lions Club-On going
- Collected and delivered over 50 lbs, of can tabs for Ronald McDonald House-On going
- Assisted with Angel Wish Program

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## How can you Help CARE?

For more information, check our website at [southgulfcovecct.org](http://southgulfcovecct.org), email: [care@southgulfcove.org](mailto:care@southgulfcove.org), or contact Becky Frye at [Becky@southgulfcovecct.org](mailto:Becky@southgulfcovecct.org)  
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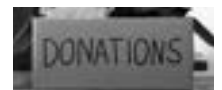
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*\*These charities benefit our local Food Pantries, Homeless Coalition, Local Animal Shelters, and help our homeless Veterans get back on their feet and into their own apartments*

# South Gulf Cove Home Owners Association



## HOA Board of Directors

- President-----Dave Cormier
- Vice President-----Tim Bullard
- 2nd Vice President-Jerry Berg
- Secretary-----Sheryl Blocklin
- Treasurer-----OPEN
- Director-----Elaine McNeil
- Director-----Linda Hall
- Director-----Debbie Bullard
- Director-----Eric Wells

## *Making Your Neighborhood a Better Place*

The South Gulf Cove Home Owners Association (HOA) provides a venue to meet new people/neighbors, form lasting friendships, join activities, or start your own group.

**The South Gulf Cove HOA welcomes new members that own property in South Gulf Cove.** There are frequent social activities at the SGC HOA Clubhouse. The HOA also supports other community-based activities, social programs, and charitable organizations.

The HOA serves to protect and enhance the beauty of SGC by sponsoring community activities that add to your enjoyment of South Gulf Cove and help keep South Gulf Cove safe and clean. You will read about several of these committees and events in this issue of the SGC Neighborhood Newsletter.

SGC also has an Architectural Review Committee with the principal mission to maintain the value and quality of our community by assisting homeowners and businesses in developing their property in accordance with the deed restrictions and covenants ascribed to SCG.

**Visit [southgulfcovefl.org](http://southgulfcovefl.org) to find all the answers to your questions or contact the office at 941-404-8080 for more information**



## HOA SUGGESTION BOX

This feature will appear every month that there are new suggestions. Each requestor receives a response via email, and we will publish status/outcomes here as they are available. Not every suggestion will have an answer each month, e.g., requests for budget expenditures or items that require research for a board and/or membership vote. If you have any suggestions you would like to see addressed, feel free to use the "Contact Us" button on the HOA website or email: [DirectorBullard@southgulfcovefl.org](mailto:DirectorBullard@southgulfcovefl.org) These are the suggestostons the HOA has received for consideration:

- Add benches along streets of Appleton or Hallandale.  
Replace the removed bench on St. Paul that was destroyed, add additional benches on Ingraham  
Response: This will be moved to the long term suggestions to be reviewed at a later time due to the county constraints and surveys needed.
- Need for more fire hydrants within SGC  
Response: Mr, Dunn CCF&EMS stated that the county has a 36,000 truck to pump water where needed, HOA will continue to monitor the issue
- The need for side street speed signs  
Response: The county did a speed study within SGC, if there is NO posted street speed limit they are considered to be 30 mph
- Additional sidewalks within SGC  
Response: Original plan is to have sidewalks on the 4 main roads, San Domingo, Ingraham, Keystone, and Appleton, in addition to Hallandale, Calumet and St Paul. Final Phase almost complete on San Domingo

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**15704 LAKELAND CIRCLE**  
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**SOLD**

**15027 INGRAHAM BLVD**  
3BR 3BA 2,335SF | \$920,000



**15472 MELPORT CIR**  
3BR 2BA 2,096SF | \$970,000



**10614 HILLWOOD DR**  
3BR 2BA 2,112SF | \$949,000



**9482 SNAPPER CIR**  
3BR 2BA 2,136SF | \$899,000



**10033 ARMY CIR**  
4BR 3BA 2,487SF | \$895,000



**13638 BEGONIA CIR**  
3BR 3BA 2,113SF | \$860,000



**SOLD**

**14334 AURELLA CIR**  
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3BR 2.5BA 2,529SF | \$699,000



**15738 APPLEWHITE CIR**  
3BR 2BA 1,610SF | \$629,900



**15783 AUTRY CIR**  
4BR 3BA 2,573SF | \$629,000



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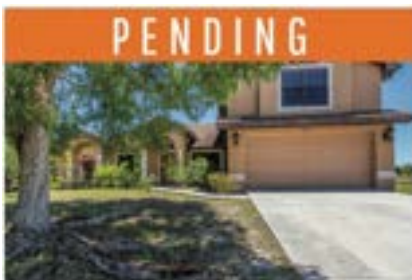
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4BR 3BA 2,438SF | \$599,900



**15246 ALTURA RD**  
3BR 2BA 1,828SF | \$534,900



**15180 LYNEBURG AVE**  
2BR 2BA 1,058SF | \$499,900



**15595 STAUNTON CIR**  
5BR 3BA 3,036SF | \$459,000



**8358 MATECUMBE RD**  
3BR 2BA 1,638SF | \$439,995



**8349 AGATE ST**  
3BR 2BA 1,190SF | \$299,000

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### Learning Garden Update

The last of the stumps have been removed and repairs are complete for the sprinkler system. What's next?? More weeding in preparation for the mulching. We can start looking for some young trees to replace the ones we lost during Hurricane Ian and add some flowering bushes for some added color to the garden.

The CCSO was unable to gather enough evidence to pursue our vandalism complaint from December. New cameras have been installed so we can monitor any further vandalism.

**Our volunteers meet at the Learning Garden for a work party every Wednesday and Saturday morning from 8am - 9am.**

Please contact Nancy for more information on volunteering at the Learning Garden: nby5235@gmail.com

Help Keep our Beautiful SGC Clean! Make it a family volunteer event

**March 18th & Dec. 2nd**

**8am-1pm**

HOA Clubhouse  
14859 Ingraham Blvd.



The HOA Clean up Committee could use our help

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**Caution Boaters**  
Watch for Manatees

Report collisions, sick, dead or injured manatees and any wildlife or boating law violations to:  
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**HOA Social Committee events  
held at the HOA Clubhouse**

\$20-  
members  
\$30-  
nonmembers

**St. Patricks Day Party  
March 17th 6:30-10pm**

Food, DJ, and YES, Green Beer

Register online at

[www.southgulfcovefl.org](http://www.southgulfcovefl.org)

Event Registration

Co Hosted by:

Linda Geotz & Wendy Hall



**Elvis in the House**

**March 23rd**

**7pm**

**Tickets are \$25.00**

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click Event Registration



**Save the Date**

**Memorial Day Event**

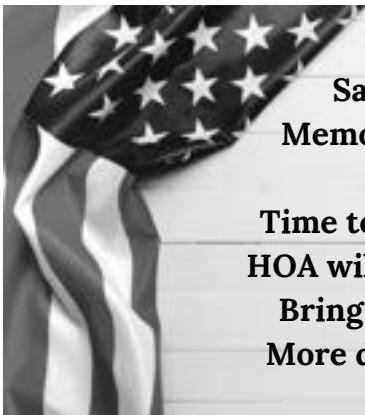
**May 29th**

**Time to be Determined**

**HOA will supply the BBQ**

**Bring a dish to share**

**More details to follow**



**Fine Art Show**

**Sunday April 2nd**

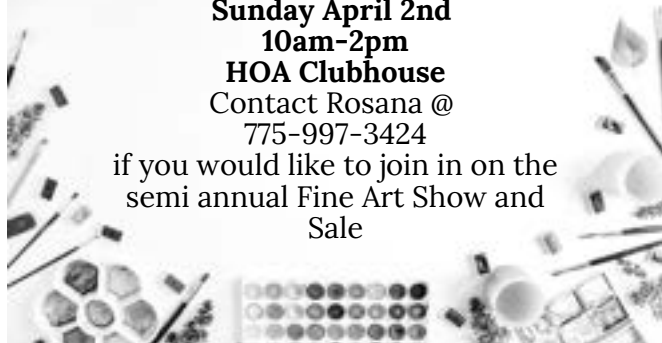
**10am-2pm**

**HOA Clubhouse**

Contact Rosana @

775-997-3424

if you would like to join in on the  
semi annual Fine Art Show and  
Sale



**Online HOA Clubhouse  
Reservations for both members and  
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The HOA has completed and activated a new  
online Clubhouse reservation system!

- The system is easy to use – you simply log in to the HOA website.
- Once logged in, click “Reserve the Clubhouse” to get started.
- Non Members will get a Member-Guest account when they reserve.
- If you use a paper application, it must be turned in a minimum of 2 weeks before the event.
- Online reservations can be made up to 360 days in advance if you are a SGC HOA member, Community Based or Affiliated organizations.
- Once you have Reserved and it is processed, you will receive an email confirmation and a notice to pay online.

Please note that phone calls, texts and emails may not be used to reserve the Clubhouse.

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## HOA Meet and Greet

**April 1st 10am-12pm  
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Come out and meet the committees in the SGC HOA, CCT, Care Committee, CERT, Angel Wish, Yacht Club, Art Club, Crafty Girls, Learning Garden and More!

## *Holiday Tour of Homes because it's not to early to think about Christmas*

It's never too early to prepare for Christmas. In fact, we are planning 2 big events that will show off our talents, both vocally and creatively. These are community events for anyone who lives in South Gulf Cove. SOUTH GULF COVE CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES: There will be between 8 and 12 homes for you to tour that are decorated for the holidays. They will feature signature trees, festive lighting and more. We are looking for entries, hostesses and other volunteers. Proceeds from the tickets will go towards CCT HOLIDAY CHARITIES. Date to be announced this summer. **Any Questions, call BONNIE MACKENZIE, 302.841.2610.**

## *Music is in the Air SGC Christmas Show*

*FYI.....*

Bonnie Mackenzie will start the rehearsing for the SGC CHRISTMAS SHOW beginning October 2023. Tryouts, auditions, etc will be announced this summer. We plan to incorporate the SING-A-LONG segment with the traditional singers entertaining you.

**Contact Bonnie Mackenzie for more information-302.841.2610.**

**Some great things  
come out of these  
groups**



## No Spouse in the House

There are many solo homeowners in SGC. It may be because you are single, divorced, widowed or even married with a spouse that isn't really social. This group was created to fill the void and bring homeowners together that deal with similar challenges. You no longer have to feel uncomfortable and miss events because you don't want to go alone.

This group can also serve as a vessel to help each other deal with home maintenance, new technology as well as keeping up with SGC's important updates. Our next meeting is scheduled for **March 14th & April 11th at 7pm at the HOA Clubhouse** (second Tuesday of each Month 7pm unless otherwise noted-contact Maggie Cerro for more information-maggie.cerro@yahoo.com

## ROMEO Men's activity club

### Retired Old Men Eating Out

We are a group of men that are retired that have meetings at the clubhouse and plan social events and gatherings.

2023 Meeting dates:

March 14th, April 11th, May 9th, June 13th & July 11th from 3-5:30

Come out and help us plan future outings and social events.

**Contact Bob Hall for more information  
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## Playing in Paradise! Fun activities at the HOA Clubhouse, All are Welcome to Join in the FUN....

### Bunco

Bunco is the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at the HOA Clubhouse. It's an easy game with three dice. Come and join us, it's a lot of fun and fast. Only \$6 and you can win for winning, losing and accumulating the most Buncos. Where else can you win by losing?

### Sunday Bingo

Every 2nd Sunday of each month we have our community bingo game for all to enjoy. Our Sunday Bingo games are open to anyone over the age of 18. We have had some nice winning pots. We also have a hot ball pot, pay a \$1.00 and if you hit a bingo with the hot ball number you win the pot for that game PLUS the hot ball pot.... Doors open at 1 p.m. and games begin at 2 p.m. Games start at only \$10 and go up from there. It's lots of fun for SGC residents with door prizes, 50/50 and winner-takes-all games.


### MAHJONG & Card Games

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month we have Mahjong and all Card games from 12:30 to 2:30. All are welcome.

### Art Club

Art Club meets on Thursday Mornings from 9:30-12:30 at the HOA Clubhouse. This is not a class but a group of artists getting together to work on their art form and help one another. It's a social and friendly group that would love to have you participate in this Club. Come create with us!

There is no charge.



### Crafty Girls

Our girls are still working on projects every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 12:30 at the Clubhouse. You don't have to be crafty, and all are welcome to join in the fun.

Our girls work hard to raise money and we love to share it. **The Crafty girls are proud to announce that we have donated \$1000 toward the Bit of Hope Ranch in Englewood.**



### SGC Sophisticated Ladies Red Hats

We are a group of lovely ladies interested in getting out of the house and socializing together at different restaurants. We meet monthly and take turns being hostess for that month usually paired with another member. If you would like more information about our group, please reach out to Bonnie MacKenzie @ 302-841-2610 or email @ [bonniemac12@gmail.com](mailto:bonniemac12@gmail.com)



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## Neighborhood Watch Volunteers' Keeping an Eye Out for the community

The **Neighborhood Watch Program** started over 25 years ago and has been around since the neighborhood's early development phase when SGC had less than 100 houses. Over the years, SGC has evolved to a community that presently has over 4,000 + houses.

The program is designed to assist Charlotte County Sheriff's Office with extra eyes on our beautiful community.

Its primary purpose is to ensure our community is safe from attempted burglaries and vandalism, eliminate vagrants from setting up tent sites, and waylay vacant lots from becoming party sites with bonfires.

The Neighborhood Watch Program does not eliminate the need for home security systems.

The Neighborhood Watch Program is made up of Primary, Substitute, and Roaming Volunteers. The volunteers are the BACKBONE of the program. Without the volunteers there would NOT be a Neighborhood Watch Program. Each volunteer is issued a magnetic sign to put on their car door and the Charlotte County Sheriff's office provides vests which identify them as a Neighborhood Watch Volunteer.

Monthly meetings are held at the SGC Clubhouse on the second Thursday of each month with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office and anyone interested in the program is welcome to attend.

### Volunteers Needed:

**For More Information or interested in volunteering, please contact Jerry Berg: [jberg1@embarqmail.com](mailto:jberg1@embarqmail.com) or Joann Sheffield: [jsheffie15564@gmail.com](mailto:jsheffie15564@gmail.com).**

Spring 2023



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## South Gulf Cove Marine Watch Volunteers



This group of volunteers assists with keeping our canals clean, keeping the builders on their toes by reporting down silt fences, and adding security by observing the neighborhood and reporting suspicious activity. If you would like to be a part of the Marine Watch contact Tom @ Ireland.tom2@gmail.com or the yacht club.

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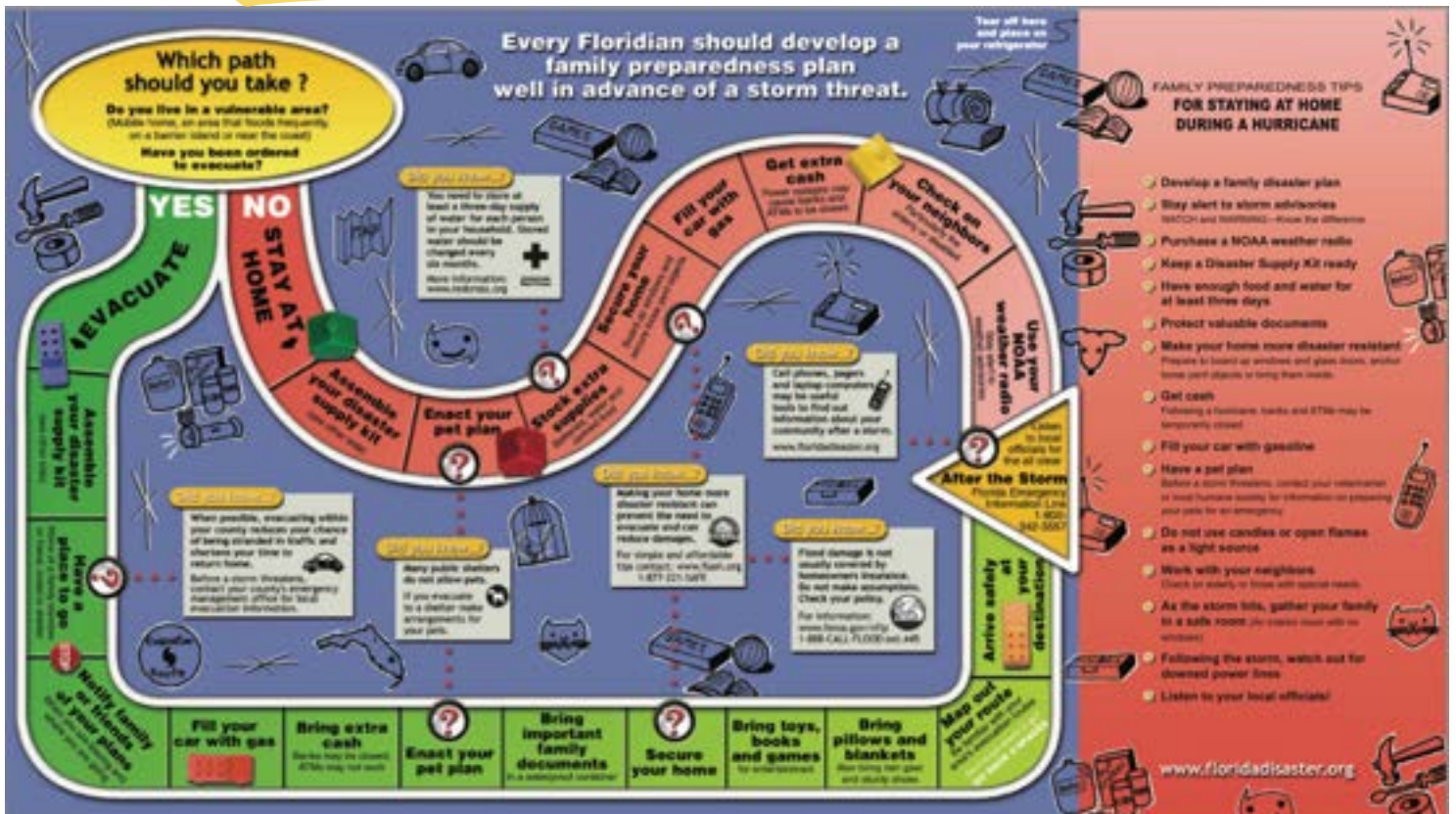
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## Get Social with the SGC Yacht Club

The Yacht Club was founded in 1990 by members of the South Gulf Cove Community. Currently our membership consists of over 379 member households (737 individuals).

The **SGC Yacht Club** has been recognized as the premier social organization within South Gulf Cove. The group organizes a wide range of events and activities, both on water and on land.

Water activities include raft-ups in the Interceptor Lagoon, poker runs, luncheon trips to various restaurants, overnight trips, boat parades for Memorial Day, July 4th, Veterans Day and the amazing Lighted Boat Parade in December.

Land events include themed dinner dance parties, dueling piano's, golf tournaments, polo matches, lobster & clam Bakes and much more.

Visit [sgcyc.com](http://sgcyc.com) to learn how to join and get our current contact information.



Hot to Trot Party



Memorial Day Boat Parade

As a reminder ALL canals in South Gulf Cove are Minimum Wake



### "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone"

Areas where vessels must be fully off plane and completely settled in the water. Any wake created by a vessel in one of these zones must be minimal (very small) If your vessel is traveling with the bow even slightly elevated while in one of these zones, it is not proceeding at "Slow speed" as required by law.

Spring 2023

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## Updates from the SGC MSBU Advisory Boards

### What is the MSBU?

Municipal Service Benefit Units are taxing units within specific defined communities of Charlotte County

### The Purpose of the Waterway MSBU:

SGC Waterway MSBU (Taxes collected) is to provide for: (1) periodic dredging, (2) any repair, expansion or replacement of the waterways, canals, locks or accessory facilities, (3) operation of the lock, and (4) the removal of cattails from the Interceptor Lagoon waterway. **Currently each wet lot in SGC and Holiday Lakes pays \$50 annually to the MSBU, Dry lots in SGC pay \$25.**

### The Purpose of the Streets and Drainage MSBU:

S&D MSBU (Taxes collected) is to provide for road maintenance, repaving, sidewalk & bike paths, right of way lawn cutting, bridge maintenance and more.

The advisory board is made up of community residents appointed by the Charlotte County Commission. **The board meets quarterly and all meetings are open to the public. The community is encouraged to attend and give feedback.**

**The next Waterway MSBU meeting will be held on Wednesday March 22nd 9:30am. Location to be announced.**

**The next S & D MSBU meeting will be held on April 13th at the West County Annex 6868 San Casa Dr. Room 120 Engelwood FL The Public is encouraged to attend all MSBU meeting.**

Spring 2023

### Waterway MSBU updates:

- discussed water quality (water samples are collected at 5 locations quarterly)
- County employees discussed hurricane cleanup and the challenges they were facing. We were assured canals would be cleaned over time, and that reported debris in the canals would be removed. If you would like to make a report, please email Ms. Kelley @

### **Kimberly.kelley@charlottecountyfl.gov**

- discussed the budget to dredge the canals inside the lock, how to devise a plan that is cost effective and beneficial to the community. community input needed before the March meeting on canals that are shallower than expected.
- discussed the parallel lock project and the recent decision of FFW to not recommend the second lock due to the manatee death
- estimated cost of 12 million for the second lock which the community will bare the expense of

As an advisory committee we can make recommendation to the commissioners. Do we want to continue with the parallel lock project given the efficiency of having the lock tender daily 7-7pm? Should we close the lock temporarily and rebuild it to last another 50 years? If a second lock is built, can it be built bigger to accommodate the growing community and remove the existing lock? Should it be removed all together? Email your thoughts to Ms. Kelley at the above email.

### S & D MSBU updates:

- San Domingo sidewalks past Calumet should be completed in the spring of 2023.
- Bridge maintenance/construction of adding sidewalks will be delayed on the following 4 bridges. Appleton, Keystone, Ingraham, and Presidents Waterway
- Mangrove trimming has been completed and new flowers were planted in the planter boxes in August
- Phase paving will begin in 2025, Phase 3 in 2027

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