

# SOUTH GULF COVE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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# Welcome to Paradise

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new neighbors to South Gulf Cove. We live in a wonderful neighborhood with so many wonderful people. The neighborhood is growing every day with all the new homes. We hope you enjoy living here in our little piece of paradise as much as we do!!

The Conservancy & Community Trust of South Gulf Cove, (CCT) is a 501c3, non-profit corporation established in 2003. The CCT belongs to the residents of South Gulf Cove and our goal when it was established was to sponsor, support & incorporate our local community improvement programs that benefitted our neighborhood. Through the years, we have branched out to assist other charities surrounding the community and lend a hand where we can. We acquire funds through grants, fundraising and donations.

We have several programs sponsored by CCT that benefit the community and we host several fundraisers for our local charities in our community. **The programs CCT sponsors are Care Committee, Fire Safety Awareness, and The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** which is dedicated to our surrounding area and is trained alongside the County Rescue teams.

**All donations made to these programs are tax deductible.**

**CCT fundraisers include:**

Amazon Smile, Our Annual Fishing Contest, Visani Comedy Club Fundraiser, Our Annual Golf Tournament, Englewood Helping Hands Food Drives, and The SGC CCT Furry Scurry 5K/Mutt Strut.

These fundraisers help make it possible for CCT to assist in the community where it needs us most: our food pantries, animal shelters and rescues. We also sponsor ongoing Scholarship programs for the SGC High School Seniors, maintain our lending library in the community, Decorate the 4 entrances of our community for Christmas and print our SGC Neighborhood newsletter twice a year. The CCT has made it possible for the residents and surrounding areas to conveniently donate Blood at our SGC HOA Clubhouse located on Ingraham Blvd. 5 times in 2021. January, March, June, August, and November. We are proud to promote these blood drives and help save lives.

We encourage all SGC property owners' comments, suggestions, and questions. If there is a needy cause that you know of that we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the Board members or Project Directors on our webpage: [www.southgulfcovecct.org](http://www.southgulfcovecct.org). Follow our Conservancy and Community Trust Facebook page to stay up to date on fundraisers and events. If you are interested in volunteering with any of our functions, please let us know.

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## TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE THINGS THE CCT BRINGS TO SOUTH GULF COVE

By Marcia Vaccaro

The CCT has made it easy to donate. We are a Chairperson for One Blood and work to fill the schedules so the Big Red Bus can keep coming back. We are currently scheduling appointments for our next Blood Drive on November 3, 2021 from 9-4pm. Please contact Mark Vaccaro [markvaccaro.sgc.cct@gmail.com](mailto:markvaccaro.sgc.cct@gmail.com) if you



would like an appointment. We have also confirmed our 2022 dates from January - December for your convenience.

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The CCT organizes at least two big food drives a year, one in March and the other



in November supporting the holiday season. We accept all non-perishable

items that are in date and monetary donations which are tax deductible. It is super easy. Pull your car in at the HOA Clubhouse (14859 Ingraham Blvd), and we unload your donations. Everything we collect supports Englewood Helping Hands Food Pantry and Jesus Loves you Ministries. **Our next Food Drive is Scheduled for November 20, 2021.** It will be posted on the CCT Facebook page and neighborhood signs.

Here's another little Gem we have in our wonderful Community.....

Tired of paying big bucks for a book to read? Done fighting traffic to get to a library? Visit your neighborhood Little Lending Library at the Clubhouse at



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We are on the calendar for our 2nd Annual South Gulf Cove CCT Furry Scurry 5K February 12, 2022! If you did not come out in February 2021, sign up now for the February 2022 event. This Event



consists of runners, walkers, and dog walkers on a special course. You do not have to run this event. Most of you already walk the 3.1 miles every day in SGC. Last year, we all had a blast! The

CCT organized the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual SGC CCT Furry Scurry in hopes to raise money to support our local animal shelters and rescues. We could not have been prouder of the turnout with over 250 participants registering for this event. We cannot thank the sponsors and volunteers enough. Without them, the CCT would not be able to do what we do. The CCT was able to raise \$10,000.00 giving four \$2500.00 donations to SWFL German Shepherd Rescue, EARS, Suncoast Humane Society, and The Labrador Retriever Rescue of Fl Inc. We are looking to make February 12, 2022, bigger and better with more community involvement. More details to follow on that. Stay tuned!

You can click on the QR code under the logo with your camera app to open on

your phone. This will take you directly to the run sign up link. Check out the pictures from February 13, 2021, and please join the South Gulf Cove CCT Furry Scurry Facebook page to follow our Rescue Kush as he promotes our 2022 event.

## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual SGC CCT Golf Tournament



**Calling all Golfers,** The CCT is happy to announce that we can

resume with our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual SGC CCT Golf Tournament at Oyster Creek Golf Club. Proceeds raised at this fundraiser will benefit our SGC CCT Scholarship program. The CCT presents Scholarships to two Lemon Bay High School Seniors each year from our community. All the details are on the front page of the newsletter. If you have



questions, please contact Mark Vaccaro @ 610-451-3370

Are you aware of the Amazon Smile

Program?? Not many people realize this program is out there. We all know someone who has ordered or orders regularly from Amazon. What would you say if you could give back to your community 501c3 by just ordering what you do on a regular basis?? It's so simple to do and Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to charitable

organizations like our **Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove.**

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The funds raised by Amazon Smile are used to benefit the Neighborhood News, and the Scholarship fund in South Gulf Cove. Thanks for helping to improve our community.



If you are tired of paying property tax on your vacant lot in South Gulf Cove, we may have a solution for you. The CCT Board would welcome donated property, such as vacant lots in South Gulf Cove. Not only would this solve the problem of paying property tax on a lot for which you have no current plans, but as a 501c3 corporation, we are able to provide a tax deduction equal to the appraised value of the property. So, if you want to avoid the hassle of selling the property and are tired of paying property taxes, please consider making a tax-deductible donation. If you or someone you know is interested in pursuing this option, please contact Mark at 610-451-3370 or send a description of your property to: CCT, P.O. box 453, Placida, FL 33946



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### CCT ANGEL WISH PROGRAM



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The CCT would like to try a new program for our neighbors that may need a little help this holiday season. We understand that through this pandemic there are neighbors and friends in SGC that have fallen on hard times. We would like to try to help.

This program would be like the Angel Tree

programs except there will be no tree. We will accept the forms by email and

all applications will be kept confidential. If you know of a family that may need help giving their kids a gift or a senior that may be alone for the holidays and need a gift to brighten their day, please scan the QR code with your camera and fill out the form. We will do our best to help. If you would be interested in volunteering to help grow this program, please contact [marciavaccaro.cct@gmail.com](mailto:marciavaccaro.cct@gmail.com). We will be looking for fundraising ideas to benefit this program.

### South Gulf Cove Sophisticated Ladies Red Hats-By Bonnie Mackenzie



We are a group of lovely ladies interested in getting out of the house and socializing with other women. We meet for lunch monthly. We

go to a different restaurant or eating establishment. We take turns being the hostess for that month usually paired with another member. We feel this is one of the best ways for ladies to get to know other ladies in our community.

Most of us moved here not knowing anyone. We relocated from all over the country and the world, with experiences and ideas that are totally different from our neighbors. Consider our group. Just give me a call and I will be glad to tell you more about our Red Hat Ladies.

For more information, contact Bonnie Mackenzie, 302-841-2610 or [bonniemac12@gmail.com](mailto:bonniemac12@gmail.com)



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**December 12 – 7 PM**



**An All-American Christmas Concert at the Rotonda West American Legion.**

This is for our communities: South Gulf Cove, Rotonda, and nearby communities

If you are interested in performing, **Auditions** will be on Monday, October 18 and Thursday, October 21, 2021, at **7:00 PM** at the **South Gulf Cove Clubhouse**. We are planning a show full of music for all ages. Rehearsals will be weekly (possibly more) until our show in December. We are looking for musicians and singers of all ages.

Tickets will go on sale in October. Proceeds will be donated to a local scholarship fund (after expenses).

**Should you have any questions, please call or text Bonnie Mackenzie at 302-841-2610**

**HOA MEMBERSHIP AND WELCOME COMMITTEE by: Elaine Mcneill**



The South Gulf Cove Homeowners Association will host its first post-Covid 19 Meet and Greet on October 23 from

10AM to noon at the SCGHOA Clubhouse,

14859 Ingraham Blvd, SGC. All residents of SGC are invited to attend. Representatives from the Homeowners Association as well as other organizations in SGC will be at the Meet and Greet to welcome new residents to the community as well as provide information about the many benefits of the SGC neighborhood. The HOA Meet and Greets are a great way to meet new people and forge new friendships.

For new SGC residents, a Welcome Booklet is available that contains a wealth of information about our community. The Welcome Booklets are available at the SGCHOA General Memberships meetings held every third Wednesday of the month at 7PM at the SGCHOA Clubhouse. The Welcome Booklets may also be downloaded from the SGCHOA website, [southgulfcovefl.org](http://southgulfcovefl.org). To download, click on "Join the HOA" and go about half-way down the page until you see Welcome Booklet. Finally, you can contact the Chairman of the SGHOA Membership and Welcome Committee, [emcneill1943@yahoo.com](mailto:emcneill1943@yahoo.com) and request a Welcome Booklet.

The SGCHOA Membership and Welcome Committee hosts Meets and Greets each quarter, publishes, and distributes the SGCHOA Welcome Booklet and assists with SGCHOA member renewals. If you are interested in learning more about the SGCHOA or the Membership and Welcome Committee, contact the committee chair at [emcneill1943@yahoo.com](mailto:emcneill1943@yahoo.com)

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**SGC Neighborhood  
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The Neighborhood Watch Program was started over 25 years ago by Joe and Gloria Lee. It has been around since the very early development phase when SGC had less than 100 houses. Over the years, SGC has evolved to a community that presently has over 3200 houses. As the community expands the need for this program becomes greater as does the need for more volunteers.

The Neighborhood Watch Program is designed to assist Charlotte County Sheriff's Office with extra eyes on our beautiful community. Our 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. Developments which have a Neighborhood Watch Program generally have reduced crime rates.

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

SGC is a very large development, with approximately 30 square miles of land mass, 15,000 lots, 150 miles of roads, and 55 miles of canals. Since it is so large the Neighborhood Watch Program subdivided the large area into 32 much smaller sub-areas. Each volunteer is assigned an area to conduct their watch.

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. The Neighborhood Watch Program issues each volunteer magnetic signs to put on their car doors and the Charlotte County Sheriff office provides vests to wear which identify them as a Neighborhood Watch volunteer while conducting their watch.

In May 2018 the Neighborhood Watch Program started having Monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office. The meetings are held at the SGC Clubhouse. The meetings allow our volunteers to get information on crimes committed in the prior 30-day period. Anyone interested in the Neighborhood Watch Program is welcome to attend.

**Volunteer's Needed:** If you would like to find out more about the Neighborhood Watch Program or may be interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Jerry Berg at [jberg1@embarqmail.com](mailto:jberg1@embarqmail.com) or Joann Sheffield [jsheffie15564@gmail.com](mailto:jsheffie15564@gmail.com)

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**By Irma Whitmer**

The "Girls" meet on the 2nd and 4th

Wednesday of each month at 12:30, at the HOA club house on Ingraham Blvd. Everyone can come join us, you don't have to be crafty. There are a great group of ladies that like to learn and do crafts, or just watch:) It's a good way to meet some new friends and enjoy a few hours each month. We're busy now trying to find some new ideas for sales coming up in the next few months. We'll be at the Fall Festival in October and have our semi-annual garage/craft show in November. In December, we will be at The Englewood Sports Center Holiday Craft Sale, and our infamous Girls Night Out. We sell our crafts to make money to help our community. We've donated to many local charities and our HOA building fund. So, lots of fun, learn some crafts and meet new friends! What more could you ask for?

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As a part of the Social Committee, I was appointed in charge of our second Sunday of the month, BINGO

games. The games are for all our community and whoever would like to join us. They are always on the 2nd Sunday of each month, doors open at 1 pm and games begin at 2. Packs start at \$10.00 and go up from there. You choose what you want to play. We have a few special games, 50/50, door prizes, water, and snacks. It's a lot of fun, and a nice afternoon out. Both the men and women seem to be enjoying it and both are winning equally. So, come on over and win, win, win (we all hope:)).



We are still having fun every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 12:30, at our bunco games. It only costs \$6.00, and \$5.00 goes toward the winners, losers, and most buncos. The extra \$1.00 goes toward our annual luncheon each year. Come on over and meet some great ladies and play. This is the easiest of all games. You can learn it in a minute!

## Mah Jong for Fun Anyone?

By: Sheryl Blocklin

Mah Jong is a fascinating, rummy-like game played with tiles.



The game originated in China, but its exact origins are shrouded in myth. If you are interested in learning or playing a friendly American Rules game, we meet at the SGC HOA Clubhouse the first and third Tuesdays of each month, beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, from 12:30-2:30. Please bring your 2021 card.

If you are a beginner, consider purchasing "*A Beginners Guide to American Mah Jong*" by Elaine Sandberg, which is our "rule book." The card (\$9) may be purchased from

<https://nationalmahjongleague.org/>.

Please email

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if you have an interest in learning and playing. All these things are fun, and a great way to make new friends and meet some wonderful neighbors in South Gulf Cove. So, don't be shy, (none of us are) and join in for a lot of fun and maybe win some money to boot. And ladies remember, every Wednesday at 12:30, for the first 4 weeks of the month, to come to the clubhouse for something to do.

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## CCT CARE COMMITTEE

by Becky Frye

The Care Committee is a non-profit program under the Conservancy and Community Trust (CCT) of South Gulf Cove.

For the past seven years, the Care Committee in partnership with Englewood Meals on Wheels (EMOW) have been providing seniors and home-bound individuals with a gift package each year at Christmas. Each gift box or bag was filled with personal need items, small gifts, games, etc. and delivered by EMOW in December with a warm meal. For many of these residents this was the only gift they received during the holiday season. This year we will be doing "Santa Sacks for Seniors" for the 180 clients of EMOW who receive meals. We will need SGC community support to make this project a success. Due to the continued Covid restrictions we will be asking for monetary donations so that new items can be purchased for our sacks. Checks or cash donations are tax deductible and receipts can be issued upon request. Checks should be made out to CCT with memo notation of Care Committee. Please send or drop off your monetary donations to Becky Frye - 9340 President Circle - Port Charlotte, FL 33981. Please help us show our seniors and home bound that SGC residents' care. Thank you in advance for your donations and support. For those of you who have been collecting small toiletries this past year

and would like to donate them to the Care Committee, we will continue to collect hotel size toiletries and donate them to the homeless. There will be a container next to the Kid's Needs Hamper at the clubhouse for those items. Additionally, we will continue collect pull tabs in the HOA Clubhouse in support of the Ronald McDonald House, eyeglasses for the Lion's Club, and like-new clothing for children. We also assist with raising funds for the SGC CCT Scholarship fund. Information on projects, collections, or joining the Care Committee can be obtained through monthly newsletters, the CCT website, [www.southgulfcovecct.org](http://www.southgulfcovecct.org), or contacting a Care Committee member.

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### By Fran Hamilton

The HOA Social Committee survey results were tallied, and a lot of your

suggestions have been implemented, i.e., BBQ, Community planned holiday events, card games, and Bingo. If you have an event that you would like to see happen for SGC HOA or the community, you are welcome to check the calendar for a date and then plan it. As you can imagine, it takes a lot of coordination and effort to pull off a 200+ event at the Clubhouse. We will be planning a full schedule for 2022 in the coming months. The SGC HOA Social Committee has planned a great event for October, so **SAVE THE DATE of October 16<sup>th</sup>**. To celebrate the return to Autumn, we are holding a "Fall

Family Harvest Festival" for our South Gulf Cove community. There will be games for all ages, prizes, food trucks, bake sale and shopping all planned for our HOA Clubhouse. We look forward to having you join us for this event...stay tuned for updates!! Upcoming events we have planned include:

**Event:** Fall Family Harvest Festival

**Date:** October 16<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 11:00 – 3:00 pm

**Place:** SGC HOA Clubhouse, 14859 Ingraham Blvd.

**Event:** Veterans Day & "Neighbors are back" (NAB)

**Date:** November 11<sup>th</sup>, stay tuned

**Place:** SGC HOA Clubhouse

**Event:** Christmas Tree Lighting/Jingle-Jingle Firepit Mingle

**Date:** December 4<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 5:30 – 7:00 pm

**Place:** SGC Clubhouse

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend ALL these events that have been planned for our SGC HOA community.

**Come one, come all, because ALL in the neighborhood are included in this invitation.**



**By Sheryl Blocklin**

The Cleanup Committee sponsors, plans, organizes, and supports the

neighborhood cleanups of both the land and canals within SGC. There are two distinct cleanup efforts: the SGC Community Cleanup, where resident volunteers team up with Charlotte County's Keep Charlotte Beautiful, and "The Adopt-A-Road" Gasparilla Road cleanup, where volunteers clean both sides of Gasparilla from Ingraham to Appleton. The Cleanup Committee's efforts have received awards and recognition from Keep Charlotte Beautiful.

**The Cleanup Committee needs a new Chair because** Linda Harrison, the previous Chair has moved from SGC. Anyone interested in volunteering to be Chair or be on the Committee should contact the SGC HOA President [president@southgulfcovefl.org](mailto:president@southgulfcovefl.org). Detailed information about each cleanup may be found on the SGC members only page of the HOA website [www.southgulfcovefl.org](http://www.southgulfcovefl.org), and the HOA monthly *News and Views*

Another big part of the Cleanup Committee's responsibilities includes education on preventing litter and recycling. The Committee offers the following advice to keep SGC clean and pristine:

- Do not dump anything on vacant lots. Charlotte County Waste Management does not pick it up.
- **The green-lidded** trash cans are for bagged household trash, so it does not blow out on trash day.
- **The yellow-lidded** trash cans are for unbagged recyclables (except for paper).
- Yard waste should not be placed in the cans but may be placed curbside weekly, up to 10 filled paper bags or containers in addition to a 4 x 4-yard waste pile with pieces no longer than 6 ft.
- A transfer station (Gulfstream Blvd) is open to residents; 10 drop-offs per year.

For more information on Charlotte County's Waste Management see the website, <https://www.wm.com/us/en>.



South Gulf Cove is expanding at a rapid pace and there is a lot going on in the neighborhood. An extra pair of eyes on the water helps with keeping our canals clean, keeping builders on their toes with silt fences and adding security to the homeowners in SGC. SGC Marine Watch is made up of volunteers that observe and report anything out of the ordinary. Contact [Ireland.tom2@gmail.com](mailto:Ireland.tom2@gmail.com) or 941-286-8547 for more information

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### **MSBU Waterway Updates from the County**

The meeting that was set for September 15th was cancelled; the next meeting date will be December 8. Citizens can visit our MSBU landing page on the county website [www.charlottecountyfl.gov](http://www.charlottecountyfl.gov). Here is the link to the MSBU's South Gulf Cove Waterway website:

<https://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/msbu-mstu/south-gulf-cove-waterway/> Citizens can view the latest agendas, last approved minutes, meeting schedule and other pertinent information. **The MSBU meetings are open to the public and citizen input is welcomed. There are two vacancies for this Advisory Board**

as there are two members with expiring terms for Oct. 31, 2021. Any citizens wishing to apply may email Kimberly Kelley for an application.

[kimberly.kelley@charlottecountyfl.gov](mailto:kimberly.kelley@charlottecountyfl.gov)

The dredge project for the turn basin will start sometime after October 1; staff was able to receive grant funding for this project.

The consultant working on the parallel lock design is working towards 90% design plans. The consultant is still waiting on the Army Core of Engineers. Once plans are received, they are reviewed by staff for comments and/or changes, returned for the consultant to work on the final 100 % design plans. As stated during the last meeting, Public Works staff has included a tender house to be added to the design. **This does not mean** there will be a tender/tender house. However, it would be more cost efficient to include it in the plan now rather to design it later. As stated at the last meeting, since remotes have been disarmed, there have been fewer incidents and staff calls out to the lock.

The County gets questions from citizens especially during the dry season concerning when the interior canals will be dredged? Dredging is projected to start in fiscal year 2024. Please note that docksides will not be dredged, that is a homeowner's responsibility.



**What is CERT?**  
South Gulf Cove  
Community  
Emergency  
Response Team

### **Who and where are they?**

The CERT Team is a dedicated group of highly motivated residents from SGC & Village of Holiday Lakes who have volunteered to take the required training for the purpose of forming and developing our local group. We operate under the umbrella of the CCT.

The Heart of the C.E.R.T program is "A Neighbor Helping Neighbor"

### **How are we funded?**

SGC C.E.R.T is self-funded. There are no tax dollars provided by the County. The County only provides training for volunteers. Money is needed to maintain the trailer and stock all the necessary supplies.

### **What does this mean for people living in SGC?**

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, SGC C.E.R.T assessment patrols would start a visual survey of our community to determine damage levels and provide aid to those that require it. If our community experiences a significant destructive incident, our C.E.R.T team would

provide a first response benefit to all SGC residents.

### **How can you help?**

Make a tax-deductible donation, checks made out to SGC CCT/CERT, Consider becoming a SGC CERT Volunteer.

Please contact Geoff Norton at [Geoff@southgulfcovecct.org](mailto:Geoff@southgulfcovecct.org) for more information

Please help me welcome the newest members to our CERT Team!

**Don Hoffman, Cindy Hoffman, Lori Gardow and Joe Anderson**

**Thank you for joining our Team!**



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## SGC Learning Garden

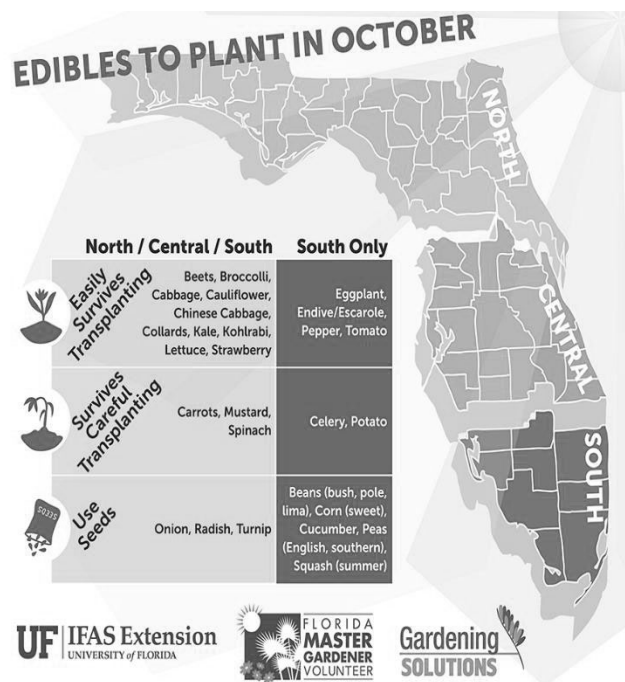
By Lisa Osinski

Our small but hard-working volunteers continue to work to reinvigorate the Learning Garden even though the weather has been hot, and the rains have caused countless weeds to flourish. There are only a few volunteers, and we would LOVE more help. We are planning on planting new plants in the upcoming months as the weeds have all but choked out all but the hardiest shrubs and decorative grasses that were once there. The trees and shrubs look much better as we have been trimming them regularly. The 3 primary beds are our primary objective. We are planning on breaking the work into sections; weed, cultivate, plant, and use groundcover to get us to a place where we are in maintenance mode.

As trying to do this project in the heat of the summer was not a great idea, in October, we will begin to execute our plan. If you want to help with this, please reach out to Lisa Aylor-Osinski @ 859-916-8290 by phone or text to join in the fun.

As an added benefit, from time to time, we hope to provide you with information you might find useful for your own home gardening. As such, here is a planting guide for specific

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**Copied from SGC 2.0 Facebook page**  
 Kids Connection  
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this year for SGC. The Date is October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in being put on the candy map or participating in the Golf Cart/Trailer Parade decorating contest or the House decorating contest, please fill out the form on the link.

<https://kasharon.wispform.com/fe48567b>

The form is private and only the planning committee will see the information. Come on SGC, let's blow this Halloween out of the water.

If you are a business that would like to donate for the prize barrel, please fill out the form as well. There is a spot at the bottom of the form and the committee will give you a call.




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## Pest Control

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### We're here to help!

We take pride in our work! We strive for complete satisfaction for our employees, customers, suppliers and community. The fact is, our community is where we do business, our team lives, works, raises their kids and plays. We embrace our responsibility of making our community better by staying honest, maintaining our high standards of service, constant research, finding the safest most effective treatments and offering our staff and customers a friendly safe environment.

Speaking of environment, the pest control industry as a whole often falls suspect when dealing with environmental contaminants. We understand. This is a major focus of our owner and our 4 State Certified Pest Control Operators we have on staff. Most companies have 1 certified operator but we know that the more highly qualified people we put together the better we are at correcting and preventing these problems. All of our technicians are also certified in the University of Florida's *Green Industry's Best Management Practices* program.

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- To promote boating, recreational, and social activities, and fellowship,
- To participate in greater aspects of boating in the state of Florida,
- To participate in civic projects which relate to the quality and use of the navigable waters of Charlotte County and surrounding areas.

The Yacht Club has been recognized as the premier social organization within South Gulf Cove. We organize a wide range of events and activities, some on the water and some on land. Water activities include raft-ups in the Interceptor Lagoon, poker runs, luncheon trips to various restaurants around Charlotte Harbor and beyond, overnight trips to resorts in Southwest Florida, the Florida Keys and the east coast of Florida, and an annual Lighted Boat Parade in December. Land events include themed dinner dance parties such as Sweetheart Dance, St. Patrick's Day, Oktoberfest, plus other events such as the Lobster & Clam Bake, Tampa Bay Lightning games, Polo match, golf tournaments, car shows, and much more. **Please see website to learn how to join and get our current contact information at [www.sgcy.com](http://www.sgcy.com)**

## **FYI, ALL SGC CANALS ARE MINIMUM WAKE AS POSTED AT ALL ENTRANCES TO OUR COMMUNITY**

### **Wake Clarification, it's not always about speed, Look behind you**



#### **“Idle Speed, No Wake”**

**Zone:** A designated area where vessels must be operated at a speed no

greater than that which is necessary to maintain steerage and headway. The vessel should not produce a wake at this speed



#### **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



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## 2022 SGC CCT SCHOLARSHIPS



### **ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS LIVING IN SOUTH GULF COVE OR ZIP CODE 33981**

The Conservancy and Community Trust (CCT) of South Gulf Cove is happy to be able to support two seniors that are heading to a four-year college, community college, or trade school. This is a onetime scholarship. Please contact Teresa Dailey at Lemon Bay High School Guidance Department for more information regarding the criteria for this scholarship.

**Congratulations** to the class of 2021 recipients Kerrigan Guardiola and Jessica Blalock



### **South Gulf Cove HOA Store** By Claire Sloyan

Please come to show your support of your neighborhood at the Monthly HOA meetings held at the Clubhouse on the Third Wednesday of each month at 7PM. We have new merchandise, new colors, sizes. The brands consist of Eddie Bauer, Guy Harvey, Reel Legends, Coral Bay and more. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.



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**Information** – About your community from a variety of sources

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**Shopping** – Variety of vendors (*cash and/or credit cards*)

**Animal Costume Contest** – Dress up your pet in his/her favorite costume and have a chance of winning a prize.

**Raffles** – Held throughout the day

**Festival Food** – Pretzels, caramel apples, cotton candy will be available for purchase with tickets  
(*Purchase tickets from ticket booth at the festival*)

### SAVE THE DATE

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TIME: 11 TO 3

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## SOUTH GULF COVE STREET AND DRAINAGE MSBU

By: Ronald Wozniak

Chairman, SGC Street and Drainage MSBU  
Advisory Board



For those new to Charlotte County, Municipal Service Benefit Units (MSBU) are taxing units within specific defined communities of Charlotte County. South Gulf Cove (SGC) is a defined community and has two MSBUs, Street and Drainage and Waterway Benefit. Each property unit within an MSBU is taxed at an assessed rate to pay for related services. Within SGC all Street and Drainage related costs which include road maintenance, repaving, sidewalks, and bike paths, right of way lawn cutting and more are charged and paid through the Streets and Drainage MSBU. Each MSBU has an advisory board made up of community residents appointed by the Charlotte County Commission. More information can be found on the county web site at [www.charlottecountyfl.gov](http://www.charlottecountyfl.gov). The last advisory board meeting was on July 29, 2021. Some highlights from the meeting.

- New plantings are being explored for the entryway sign planters.
- Plans are 60% complete for the extension of the sidewalk to the rest of San Domingo past Calumet.

### **BRIDGE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM:**

Maintenance and construction should start within a year on the following four bridges which will include 5-foot sidewalks that tie into our current walkways. Bridge 014054 Appleton Blvd/Santa Cruz Waterway; Bridge 014053 Keystone Blvd/Santa Cruz Waterway; Bridge 014056 Ingraham Blvd/President Waterway; Bridge 014055 Keystone Blvd/ President Waterway.

Financial Reports were reviewed and there was a discussion of future assessment rate needs.

Meeting minutes, agendas, and other MSBU information is available at [www.charlottecountyfl.gov/msbu-mstu/south-gulf-cove-non-urban/](http://www.charlottecountyfl.gov/msbu-mstu/south-gulf-cove-non-urban/).

The Advisory Board meetings are held at the West County Annex, 6868 San Casa Drive, Room 120 Englewood, FL.

The next meeting will be on:  
October 28, 2021, 9:30AM.

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## **Feeding wildlife can cause more harm than good-**

article by:  
Corey Comstock  
News Tribune

Here, in Florida, it is illegal to feed manatees, Sand Hill Cranes, bears, raccoons, foxes, and alligators. Although sometimes the feeding of the alligators might be accidental, yikes! Seriously, keep your small animals away from the water's edge in lagoons and waterways that house these behemoth creatures.

Also, intentionally feeding species that are listed as threatened, endangered or of special concern, including Florida scrub-jays, is prohibited unless authorized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Why? For one reason, and a big reason at that, feeding the wildlife negatively impacts their feeding behavior, often causing them to become accustomed to people, associating us with "food." Do you really want a 700-pound alligator considering you the Food Dude?

Another reason is that it hinders development of natural food-gathering abilities, stunting their health. Much of our human food is junk to mother nature's darlings and our junk food is even worse. Our typical food items remain a poor substitute for their natural diet and some of it can even be toxic.

The more potent problem, though, is learned behavior. Once an animal associates a human with food, she loses her natural fear and wariness, resulting in an unpredictable array of conduct. Today,

she seems cute because she placed her little hand on your foot but tomorrow will not be so cute when she slices up your face in search of more peanuts.

They're wild animals, for goodness' sake. Remember that, please!

Jesse Harrison  
1/12/51-  
11/6/2020



Jesse was a dear friend to many in South Gulf Cove. He and his wife Linda helped accomplish so much in our community. He loved the water and patrolling the canals on their boat "Salty Kisses" He was the commander of the SGC Marine Watch for many years and was a wonderful person inside and out. On July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Linda was able to proceed with Jesse's wishes of Celebrating his life Jimmy Buffet Style!! He will be missed greatly by so many!!

### **FINS UP Jesse!**



Linda, the SGC Community wishes you all the best and will miss you in the neighborhood. Thank you for all the countless things you have done to support South Gulf Cove.



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