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Welcome to the Spring Edition of the South Gulf Cove Neighborhood Newsletter bringing warmer days and a renewed sense of energy to our wonderful community. The Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove, Inc. (CCT)—your dedicated, community-focused nonprofit—is proud to present this newsletter, designed to keep you informed and connected.

Published twice a year, in Spring and Fall, our newsletter brings you the latest updates and events organized by the CCT, the HOA, Yacht Club and other wonderful community members. This edition is packed with everything happening in South Gulf Cove, from social gatherings to community initiatives. None of these events would be possible without the incredible volunteers who generously give their time. We also extend our gratitude to the businesses that advertise in this newsletter—their support is invaluable, and we encourage you to patronize them. To our new neighbors—welcome! We're thrilled to have you here and look forward to seeing you at upcoming events. South Gulf Cove is truly a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Enjoy this edition, and we'll see you around the neighborhood!

Sincerely,

The CCT Board of Directors

Mark, Marcia, Carol, Barb, John, Charles,
Kelley & Joan

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Conservancy & Community
Trust of SGC Inc. Non-Profit**

Our Mission

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

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

Meet our Board

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Projects under the CCT's Umbrella

- Santa Sacks/Care-----Joann Sheffield
- SGC CERT ----- Geoff Norton
- Angel Wish-----Maggie Cerro
- CCT News Editor -----Marcia Vaccaro

CCT's Accomplishments and Works in Progress for the 2024-2025

- Actively pursuing Grants to benefit the community
- Maintaining and updating our website www.southgulfcovecct.org
- CCT chairs the One Blood Drives successfully filling the schedule for our donation days
- 20th Annual Golf Tournament raised \$5800.00 for our Scholarship program
- Angel Wish Program brought smiles to 9 families and 23 children-Huge Thank you to our project director-Maggie Cerro
- Partnered with 2.0 on the Christmas fundraiser-donated over 300 toys to the St. Davids Jubilee Center
- Maintaining two social media pages with events and fundraisers
- Supporting the projects under CCT with their fundraising events
- Completed our new and improved Lending Library and the newly added Children's Library
- 2nd Annual Scavenger hunt success raised \$2500.00 for our Scholarship program
- Sgt. Diaz Community Fundraiser donated \$16,000 to Sgt. Diaz's family
- 5th Annual Furry Scurry was a huge success raising over \$30,000 for our animal affiliates.
- 3rd Annual 2.0 Poker Run raised over \$11,000, huge thanks to Derrick & Jess the 2.0 admins
- 2nd Annual Freaky Tiki Fundraiser raised over \$5000 for the Trade School Scholarships, Huge thanks to Ron & Lisa Pavilick for organizing.

Hurricane Relief Fundraiser

Mark Vaccaro, CCT President, presenting \$3000 to Doug Izzo, Englewood Chamber for the Englewood Businesses



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Have an idea to make South Gulf Cove even better? We want to hear it. The Conservancy & Community Trust of South Gulf Cove Inc. (CCT) is always looking for fresh ideas and new energy. Whether it's something you've seen work at another event or a project you've always dreamed of starting—now's the time! We're calling on community-minded people ready to take the lead and bring something new to life. CCT is here to back you up with support, resources, and a network that wants to see your vision succeed. You don't need to have it all figured out—just the drive to make a positive impact. So if you've ever thought, "Someone should do this," maybe that someone is you! Email us at info@southgulfcovecct.org and let's talk about how we can build something great—together.

Get ready to tee off for a great cause! The Conservancy & Community Trust of South Gulf Cove Inc. (CCT) is proud to announce our 21st Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, happening Saturday, October 4, 2025, at The Hills Golf Course in Rotonda. This event will officially kick off our 2026 Scholarship Season, and we're aiming to make it bigger and better than ever.

Last year, thanks to our incredible hole sponsors, prize donors, and generous supporters, we raised \$5,800 for our scholarship fund. That money helped make a real difference for students in our community—and we're looking to keep that momentum going.

Want to get involved? We're now accepting hole sponsors (your business name featured on-course), tent sponsors (bring the fun to participants), and raffle basket donations. It's a great way to show your support and get your name out there while giving back.

Don't miss the chance to be part of something special. Mark your calendars, start getting your teams together, and help us launch the 2026 scholarship season with style.

More information to follow. Stay tuned for updates on registering your team! For more information or to get involved, email us at info@southgulfcovecct.org.

- Hole Sponsors welcome
- Tent Sponsors welcome
- Basket Raffles welcome
- Prize Donors welcome

3RD ANNUAL 2.0 CHRISTMAS PARADE & CCT AFTER PARTY FUNDRAISER/TOY DRIVE COLLECTS OVER 300 TOYS



3RD ANNUAL 2.0 GOLF CART CHRISTMAS PARADE FUNDRAISER WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

Spring might be here, but we can't stop thinking about the incredible 2.0 Golf Cart Christmas Parade! Thanks to our amazing neighborhood, and the 2.0 admins, the CCT donated over 300 toys to the St. David's Jubilee Center in Englewood—bringing huge smiles to so many kids. The parade keeps getting bigger every year, with more carts, crazier decorations, and nonstop holiday cheer. And the fun doesn't stop there! CCT is looking forward to a fun filled after party. We're already excited for this December—trust us, you won't want to miss what's coming next!

South Gulf Cove ROCKS!!

FUN TIMES AT THE 2ND ANNUAL SCAVENGER HUNT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Who would have thought raising money could be this much fun in such a wonderful neighborhood? We're truly lucky to live in a community that knows how to enjoy every moment—and that's what this event is all about! Huge thanks to Carol, Connie, and Marlene for their countless hours of planning and crafting clues for a fantastic day. We're excited to share these great results and can't wait for the 3rd Annual Scavenger Hunt in January 2026.

CCT 2nd Annual SCAVENGER HUNT

Congratulations!!

Huge thank you to all our SGC Neighbors and friends that came out to participate in the 2nd Annual CCT Scavenger Hunt. We hope you had a fun time!! Special thanks to Carol, Connie, and Marlene for bringing this event to life and handling all the organizing to raise funds for the 2025 CCT Scholarship Fund. Huge shout out to Berry Boyz and 3 Guys Pizza for Sponsoring this event. The main goal was to have fun!! And by the pictures, it sure looks like you did!! Thank you for helping us raise \$2500 for our high school seniors

Your Organizers & Judges

FEBRUARY WAS A BUSY MONTH FOR THE CCT



FURRY SCURRY SUCCESS!!



The 5th Annual South Gulf Cove CCT Furry Scurry 5K, held on February 1, 2025, was a huge success! Thanks to our amazing sponsors, donors, raffle contributors, volunteers, and participants, we proudly donated over \$30,000 to 8 animal organizations. Over the past five years, the Furry Scurry has grown into an event the CCT is proud to host. We're already looking ahead to next year—mark your calendars for February 21, 2026! Businesses interested in sponsoring, donating raffle or silent auction prizes, or volunteering can reach out anytime at info@southgulfcovecct.org. Let's make 2026 even bigger!

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Thank you Woman Warriors!



Thank you CCSO!!



Thank you Romeo Club!



Thank you Erik O!



Thank you SGC CERT!!

Huge shout out to the wonderful SGC Community and everyone that pulled together to make this fundraiser a success for the Sgt. Diaz family! The CCT presented a check to CCSO for \$16,000 for the Diaz family fund



Thank you SGC HOA, Tracy-Socialites, Don H., Sheriff Prummell, Peter Ide, & CCT



A COMMUNITY MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR SGT. DIAZ'S FAMILY

On February 22, 2025, the South Gulf Cove community united for the Sgt. Diaz Family Fundraiser, honoring CCSO's Sgt. Elio Diaz, tragically lost in the line of duty. Thanks to Erik Odronec for bringing this first responder fundraiser to life. The CCT was proud to be part of such a meaningful event. Special thanks to the SGC HOA, Socialites, Romeo Club, Peter Ide, Vantage Homes, West Coast Trailer, Precision Pest Defense, Doodie Calls, Marker 5, Don Hoffman, Morgan Sky, Sheriff Bill Prummell, supporting officers, dedicated volunteers, the community, SGC CERT Team, and the CCT Board. Together, we raised \$16,000 for the Diaz family. May Sgt. Elio Diaz rest in peace, and may God bless our first responders.

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Huge Thanks to our 2.0 Admins, Derrick & Jess for organizing an amazing 3rd Annual 2.0 Poker Run



HUGE THANK YOU TO THE SPONSORS THAT MADE THIS EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS!!



Scholarship packets and requirements are available at the Guidance Department at Lemon Bay High School—encourage your kids to inquire at school for the details! The South Gulf Cove community also offers plenty of opportunities for students to earn their community service hours. Don't hesitate to reach out and get your kids involved. It's a great way to give back, gain experience, and help with their scholarship goals!

The sponsor stops rocked it!!

Thank You

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WHITE RABBIT, RON &
LISA'S TIKI**

**2.0 RAISED
OVER \$11,000
FOR THE
SCHOLARSHIP
FUND**

The CCT loves working with you on this event

3RD ANNUAL POKER RUN FUN!

A huge thank you to the amazing SGC 2.0 admins for organizing the fantastic 3rd Annual 2.0 Poker Run over St. Patty's Day weekend, March 18, 2025! The community showed incredible support, raising over \$11,000 for the CCT Scholarship Fund for our high school seniors. Derrick and Jess truly knocked it out of the park! Special thanks to our generous sponsors: KW Island Life Real Estate, Jason & Tabytha Reck, Arnold Insurance, Nicole Stiver, Custom Mortgage, B and B Pet Resort, N-Spect ALL Home Inspections, Orange Blossom Screen & Aluminum, Rescue Me Massage, Ice Cream Emergency, 3 Guys Pizza, Freedom Fishing, and White Rabbit. Huge thanks to our location hosts: Cathy & Roger Redman, Erik & Kim Odronec, Ron & Lisa Pavlick, and the team at White Rabbit and Freedom Fishing! Rumor has it, next years stops are going to be even more amazing! Stay Tuned!



FUNDRAISERS FROM MARCH FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND & BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

2ND ANNUAL FREAKY TIKI FUNDRAISER

The 2nd Annual Freaky Tiki Fundraiser, organized by Ron and Lisa Pavlick, was a great success! Huge thanks to Ron and Lisa for opening their home and hosting such a fun-filled event. Their passion is helping kids get into trade schools, and funds raised from The Freaky Tiki fundraiser go directly toward that goal. Congratulations for raising over \$5,000.00 this year. The CCT Scholarship Fund proudly supports 2-year, 4-year, and community college paths, and we're grateful the SGC community stands behind our students. Lemon Bay High School manages all scholarship packets—encourage your kids to connect with the Guidance Department for details. We're eager to reward the hardworking kids of SGC who volunteer and support their community.

Huge Shout out to the community for participating, the volunteers, sponsors and the wonderful hosts, Ron & Lisa Pavlick for organizing! What a fantastic way to give back to the kids!!



Meet your Hosts: Ron & Lisa Pavlick

Scholarship packets and requirements are available at the Guidance Department at Lemon Bay High School—encourage your kids to inquire at school for the details! The South Gulf Cove community also offers plenty of opportunities for students to earn their community service hours. Don't hesitate to reach out and get your kids involved. It's a great way to give back, gain experience, and help with their scholarship goals!

Congrats on raising over \$5000 for our Trade Schools





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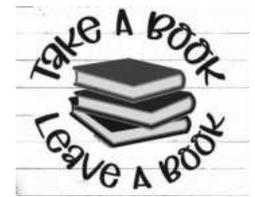
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Tired of paying property tax on vacant land?

The CCT board warmly welcomes donations of property! If you are tired of paying property taxes on a vacant lot that you no longer have any use for, consider donating it to the Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove. By doing so, you can receive a tax deduction equal to the appraised value of the property, while also supporting our community-focused initiatives. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please reach out to us at info@southgulfcovecct.org or call Mark at 610-451-3370 for more details.

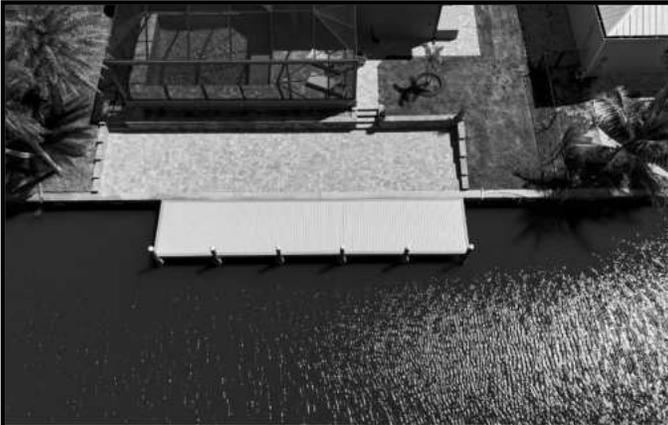


Please be on the look out for our beautiful gopher tortoises crossing the roads in SGC. Help them cross the road safely! Have a ❤️



We're excited to invite you to visit the CCT Lending Library, located right in the heart of the neighborhood at 14859 Ingraham Blvd. The library offers a variety of books for all ages, whether you're looking for a quick weekend read, something new for your kids, or just curious to browse, there's something for everyone.

It's the perfect stop while you're out for a walk or a bike ride. Swing by, pick up a book, and enjoy the simple pleasure of reading right here in your community. Come check it out — your next great read is waiting!



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THE CCT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove Inc. (CCT) is proud to support our local high school seniors through our annual Scholarship Program. Thanks to the generosity of our community and the incredible volunteers who lead our fundraisers—like the Annual Golf Tournament, Scavenger Hunt, SGC 2.0 Poker Run, Freaky Tiki Fundraiser, and more—we're able to invest in our students' futures.

Lemon Bay High School's Guidance Department, led by Miss Dailey, provides students with all the details about available scholarships, including the CCT Scholarship Fund. If your child attends Lemon Bay, we strongly encourage them to reach out to Miss Dailey to learn about the application process. Also, remember, students need community service hours to graduate. South Gulf Cove offers plenty of opportunities for kids to earn those hours while giving back. The CCT is always looking for student volunteers to help with our fundraising events, and the SGC HOA hosts neighborhood cleanups that also count toward their hours.

Let's work together to support our kids and encourage them to take advantage of these opportunities. If your child is interested in volunteering, please email info@southgulfcovecct.org to be added to our volunteer list.

Sincerely,
The CCT Board



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TRADE SCHOOL	COLLEGE
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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" **SGC 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. 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 for more information
- Scan the QR code to email CERT
- Scan the QR code to join the CERT Facebook Page
- Support the SGC CERT fundraisers



SGC CERT expanding their
radio communication



- The SGC CERT team actively participates in monthly CCFLARES drills to practice HAM radio operations for emergencies.
- Licensed HAM radio operators within the team have joined local clubs, including CCFLARES and the Charlotte Amateur Radio Society, to expand their network in the HAM radio community

Santa Sack/Care Projects

The Care Project is being revamped under the CCT Non-profit umbrella. Currently the Care Project collects for Jesus Loves you Ministry for the homeless, Lion's Club eyeglasses, and Ronald McDonald House tab collections. The main project is the Santa Sack initiative led by Joann Sheffield.

This past December, the Santa Sack Project filled 150 Santa Sacks for Englewood Meals on Wheels for the Holiday meal delivery. Special thanks to Joann Sheffield for spearheading this project and all her elves. Interested in forming a new project under the CCT Non Profit, contact us:

info@southgulfcovecct.org. We'd love to hear from you!

thank
you!



Joann Sheffield and her Elves

Angel Wish Project

Huge Thank you to Maggie Cerro, Angel Wish Project director, for everything she did to make the 9 families and 23 children in South Gulf Cove super happy this past holiday season.

Registration will open up for this program in our October Newsletter. Stay tuned for details!



Last year we had a huge interest in family sponsors for this program. Please email: angelwish@southgulfcovecct.org if you are interested in sponsoring one of our families for Christmas 2025.



**All Proceeds from this Bingo will benefit
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Doors open at 2pm**



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**Calling All Bingo Players!!
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Get ready for a fun afternoon at the South Gulf Cove CERT Bingo Fundraiser on April 27th! Join us at the SGC HOA Clubhouse, 14859 Ingraham Blvd., as Geoff Norton, SGC CERT Director and an HOA Board member, calls the numbers. Huge thanks to B and B Elite Home Services for sponsoring the delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and cookies! Proceeds help cover critical CERT expenses, including supplies, trailer upkeep, and communications. With hurricane season approaching, our CERT team has worked hard to strengthen the emergency radio communication system to keep our neighborhood safe. Come out, enjoy the games, and support your local CERT team. We hope to see you on April 27th!



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Our voices need to be heard!

Very important meeting!! Please plan on attending!

May 7th, 6pm, 14859 Ingraham Blvd. Port Charlotte FL

Harbor Village Proposed Amendment----
 You as homeowners need to be aware of the newly proposed changes being driven by Maronda Homes for the development known as Harbor Village. The original development known as West County Town Center was approved in 2009. Maronda is seeking to expand the geographical footprint of the project to now include water front access along the entire Butterford Waterway. The amendment would allow for re-zoning of land which has previously been deemed as essential land by FDEP Florida Forever plan and was part of the Charlotte Harbor Estuary Plan started in 1972. They are trying to re-zone the Coastal High Hazard area. Maronda is also pushing to reclassify A Perpetual Conservations easement and replace it with a Wetland and Natural Resource Plan so that what was once a preserve will now be part of passive recreational activities, a term that has not yet been defined by Maronda. A presentation of these facts can be found at:

<https://charlottecountyfl.legistar.com/View.aspx?M=F&ID=13932060&GUID=6F6D7781-2227-4F99-A99F-5FDEFF68B70E>

Scan the QR code for the presentation facts



What does that mean to us –

1. Boat Docks could now be installed the entire length of the Butterford Waterway, making this boating passage extremely dangerous.
2. What was once considered protected or essential lands will now, for the most part, become available for passive recreational activities.
3. Wildlife like manatees which often enter our waterways would be at risk.
4. Mangroves which run the entire length of the canal could be removed
5. Our neighborhoods would be prone to additional risk of flooding not only due to coastal flooding but fluvial flooding

The risk to us as Homeowners will increase significantly from rain runoff, flooding and we will lose what remains of the natural habitat along the Charlotte Harbor Estuary. We urge you to attend the Town Hall scheduled for early May along with signing the petition and attending the Board of County Commissioners meeting on May 27 to be heard by our commissioners and put a stop to this absurd and ridiculous request to re-zone this project. Thank you John Osanitsch for writing this article for the SGC Community.

SOUTH GULF COVE COMMUNITY

TOWN HALL MEETING

Please Come out and stand up for the Environment, our Wildlife, Water Quality, Flood Water Safety and Boating safety.

FOR A PRESENTATION OF FACTS

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LET'S UNIFY AND SHOW THE COUNTY THAT SGC, HARBOR WEST, HARBOR EAST AND HOLIDAY LAKES WILL ALL SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES!! PLEASE JOIN US IN LEARNING HOW THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT WILL EFFECT EVERYONE!! THERE NEEDS TO BE A BETTER PLAN IN PLACE THAN WHAT THEY HAVE NOW!



HELP PROTECT OUR BIRD SANCTUARY, OUR ESTUARIES, AND OUR WILDLIFE, WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE THIS! ONCE IT'S GONE IT'S GONE

WEDNESDAY ,MAY 7TH
6:00PM
 HOA CLUBHOUSE
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We need to say NO to:

- Amending the present zoning allowing destruction of wildlife habitat
- Destruction of land deemed Essential in the Charlotte Harbor Estuary Plan part of the FDEP Florida Forever Plan
- Urban development that increases the potential for fluvial flooding
- Destruction of endangered wildlife species
- Addition of 100+ Docks on the canal impacting the navigable waterway and boater safety

THE COMMISSIONERS WILL BE VOTING TO SEND TO THE STATE ON MAY 27TH, PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND!!

Petition Coming Soon: Stand Up for Our Community!

We're organizing a petition to make sure our voices are heard loud and clear. Stay tuned. Your voice matters – let's use it!

South Gulf Cove Home Owners Association



Visit the HOA Website southgulfcovefl.org
Email: HOA@southgulfcovefl.org

Welcome New Board of Directors

- President-----Dave Cormier
- 1st Vice President-- Dan Bonis
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- Secretary-----Sheryl Blocklin
- Treasurer----- Tim Delaney
- Director-----Geoff Norton
- Director-----Wendy Hall
- Director-----Paul Wydominic
- Director-----Eric Axelson
- Director-----Glenn Sechen

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 CCT Neighborhood Newsletter.

Additionally, SGC 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. Email: Arc@southgulfcovefl.org if you have questions about what needs approval.

The HOA invites you to attend our home owners meetings. They are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:00 pm at the HOA Clubhouse at 14859 Ingraham Blvd. Look out for a social hour before the meeting with treats for the attendees. We hope you will join the HOA and get to know your neighbors. Join for only \$120.00 annually per household/property



Cell Phone Tower Update

The Cell phone tower company will be at the May 21st meeting to provide more information to the community. The meeting is open to all! Here are the answers to two questions that came up.

- The tower is under 200 feet so there will be no red light on top of it.
- The HOA would receive \$14,000 a year plus a 2% raise after that.

After all the information is presented the HOA members in good standing will be voting on the decision to move forward with the Tower or not.

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15012 ALSASK
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,138 SF
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15228 CHINOOK
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Kendal Canonic



15704 LAKELAND
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,902 SF
Jason Vollmer



14201 JOGGINS
3 BR | 3 BA | 2,232 SF
Wayne & Alice Sheldon



15576 ALDAMA
3 BR | 3 BA | 2,093 SF
The Mooren Group



13962 ORBIT
3 BR | 3 BA | 2,299 SF
Michelle Finley



15668 AUTRY
3 BR | 3.5 BA | 2,657 SF
Wayne & Alice Sheldon



15498 SEAFOAM
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,063 SF
Jason Vollmer



15786 STAUNTON
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,999 SF
Mark Vaccaro



15690 VISCOUNT
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,961 SF
The Mooren Group



10322 SUNBURY
3 BR | 2.5 BA | 2,481 SF
The Mooren Group



15776 MELPORT
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,046 SF
Becky Cole



10491 SARASOTA
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,070 SF
The Mooren Group



9676 SINGER
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,095 SF
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10549 WASHINGTON
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,927 SF
Melissa Mutkoski



10107 BOYLSTON
4 BR | 3.5 BA | 2,360 SF
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9222 MELODY
3 BR | 2.5 BA | 2,090 SF
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15610 SEAFOAM
3 BR | 2.5 BA | 2,036 SF
Jason Vollmer



15336 LAKELAND
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,104 SF
Chris Lee



15424 LAKELAND
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,067 SF
Mark Vaccaro



8380 TECUMSEH
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,724 SF
Marianne Miller



13575 CHENILLE
3 BR | 3 BA | 2,659 SF
Gabriele Extejt



15688 MELPORT
4 BR | 3.5 BA | 2,533 SF
Daralyn Duquette



10451 HATCHETT
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,818 SF
Laura Martinez



9460 MIGUE
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,194 SF
Jason Vollmer



14091 PEEKSKILL
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,646 SF
Mark Vaccaro



14207 UNION HALL
3 BR | 2.5 BA | 2,445 SF
Chris Lee



15390 ANCEL
4 BR | 3 BA | 2,628 SF
Kendal Canonic



15380 ALSASK
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,038 SF
The Mooren Group



9325 ST PAUL
3 BR | 3 BA | 2,273 SF
Elizabeth Gerber



15500 LONGVIEW
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,433 SF
Wayne & Alice Sheldon



10083 KANSAS CITY
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,346 SF
Jeffrey Ament



15490 MCCOMB
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,064 SF
The Mooren Group



15625 MELPORT
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,116 SF
The Mooren Group



9238 MELODY
3 BR | 2.5 BA | 2,036 SF
The Mooren Group



10782 KEARSARGE
3 BR | 3 BA | 2,033 SF
Chris Lee



13379 JOURNAL
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,796 SF
Laura Martinez



15104 ALDAMA
4 BR | 2 BA | 1,880 SF
The Mooren Group



13694 BEGONIA
4 BR | 2 BA | 2,703 SF
Elizabeth Gerber



10721 AYEAR
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,902 SF
The Mooren Group



9303 MIGUE
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,104 SF
Wayne & Alice Sheldon



8374 AGATE
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,812 SF
The Mooren Group



9283 IMPALA
4 BR | 3 BA | 2,678 SF
Becky Cole



15184 ALDAMA
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,514 SF
Candy Brooks



9660 MIAMI
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,020 SF
Elizabeth Gerber



14089 NEWSON
3 BR | 3 BA | 2,252 SF
Alex Bowermaster



9213 SPRING
4 BR | 3 BA | 2,470 SF
Anita Gross



13354 BLYTHEVILLE
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,384 SF
The Mooren Group



14589 PONCE DE LEON
4 BR | 3 BA | 2,031 SF
Jason Vollmer



15201 ALDAMA
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,101 SF
Karen Rand



13401 GALVESTON
4 BR | 2.5 BA | 2,960 SF
Bobbi Sue Taylor



15715 VISCOUNT
3 BR | 2.5 BA | 1,943 SF
Fran Colosimo



9239 HARVESTER
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,853 SF
Chris Lee



14223 BARBET
4 BR | 2 BA | 2,102 SF
Esther Maisch



10447 NEW BRUNSWICK
3 BR | 3 BA | 2,650 SF
Alex Bowermaster



8111 ARLEWOOD
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,943 SF
Fran Colosimo



9219 NEWNAN
4 BR | 2.5 BA | 2,012 SF
Anita Gross



15410 SEAFOAM
3 BR | 3 BA | 2,391 SF
Mark Vaccaro



9157 GENESEE
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,964 SF
Tiffay Clarke, PA



14252 JOGGINS
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,617 SF
Bonnie Ibrahim



15081 ALDAMA
3 BR | 2 BA | 2,101 SF
Chris Lee



15595 STAUNTON
5 BR | 3 BA | 3,036 SF
Becky Cole



8205 CHICO
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,858 SF
Anita Gross



14795 SAN DOMINGO
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,611 SF
Alex Bowermaster



13951 ALLAMANDA
3 BR | 2 BA | 1,704 SF
Wayne & Alice Sheldon

HOA Social Committee Upcoming Events
at the HOA Clubhouse 14859 Ingraham Blvd.

Follow all the Social Committee events by joining their Facebook page. Scan the QR code



You can find updates on all events on the SGC HOA website: www.southgulfcovefl.org

All residents are welcome to attend events at the Clubhouse sponsored by the SGC Waterfront Community



Cinco de Mayo!!

Food Trucks & Music Last Event of the season

May 5th
5pm--8pm

Food Trucks Monday will resume
October 6th

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Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
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Mark you Calendars
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Are you new to SGC, check out the many groups that meet at the HOA Clubhouse. All are welcome to join in any of these groups or activities

No Spouse in the House

South Gulf Cove has many solo homeowners, or one may have a partner that doesn't particularly like to participate in group events/outings. This group helps bring those together that would otherwise skip the social events! We meet at the clubhouse at 6pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Feel free to stop by to see what we are all about. Our membership is free. The only cost is for your own expenses for any trips or lunch/dinner outings. Currently there are about 35 members in this group and we welcome all to join. Please contact Maggie @ 908-399-4855 via text/call with any questions.

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.



SGC Arts & Artisans

A Facebook page created for the South Gulf Cove area local artists and artisans. It's a place for the people who like to support their creativity. Share art, fine craft and ideas. Ask questions, and get advice.



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 Sheryl Yancheson 678-346-5859

Romeo Men's Club

"Retired Old Men Eating Out" was the original meaning, however, you do not have to be retired to join in the fun. The group provides community service, fraternity and unadulterated fun! Meetings are BYOB with plenty of games after the meetings. For more information or a meeting schedule:

Contact Bob Hall:romeoclub.sgc@gmail.com

Crafty Girls

The girls did another fine job at the Englewood Sports Complex and sold a lot of our beautiful items. We actually have people returning each time just to buy our things!! How great is that? All SGC ladies can come and join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 12:30, at our clubhouse on Ingraham Blvd. You don't have to be obligated to come every time, but, come when you'd like to and meet some great, talented ladies.

We have crafting each meeting, and new ideas are always welcome. Come and join us for a fun few hours.

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It's All Fun and Games at the HOA Clubhouse

All are welcome to join in the activities at the Clubhouse. Show up on the days and times of the listed activities and meet your neighbors, make new friends, and learn new games.

HOA Bingo

Don't miss our Second Sunday of the Month Bingo! (Every Month) Doors open, as always, at 1 pm, and the games start at 2. Packs are as low as \$10.00 for a 3 card pack, up to \$25.00 for a 12 pack, plus some additional cards and \$1.00 hot ball, are available. Always a fun day with lots of winners, door prizes, 50/50 and great hot dogs, etc. So, come on over and join us for a fun Sunday afternoon, in A/C, with nice people, and maybe win!
See you there!

Bunco Fun

Bunco is still on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12:30, at the clubhouse. VERY EASY game to learn and a lot of fun. We're usually finished within an hour and a half. Just bring \$5.00 for the prizes for the most buncos, the most wins and the most losses (yes, you get a prize for losing). Also, if you'd like to stay with us and join us for our annual luncheon, bring an additional \$2.00. We have a great group of ladies and have a lot of fun. So, don't be afraid to join us, it's an easy game to play, and maybe win one of the 3 prizes! You are not committed to anything, just come when you'd like.

Mah Jongg

Join us for Mah Jongg every Tuesday of the month at the HOA Clubhouse from 12:30pm-3:00pm. No fees-Just bring your latest updated National Mah Jongg League Card.



****While the bridge is being repaired on Ingraham, the Sunday Market vendors have moved out to Gasparilla Rd. You can find them there on Sunday mornings.**

News from the Learning Garden

With the relatively moderate weather, springtime in SWFL is the perfect time to do spring cleaning. The Learning Garden held our biannual mulching/garden cleanup a couple weeks ago. Thank you to those who came out to volunteer! We welcome volunteers to help any Saturday! We meet at the Garden at 8 AM located at 13577 Blake Dr off Ingraham.





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Administrator
Melody Bare



Scan the QR code above with your phone to join the SGC Medical Equipment Loaner Facebook page. Melody has dedicated a portion of her RV garage to store donated medical equipment for neighbors to borrow for free. Donations and loaners can be dropped off/picked up at 10276 Calumet Blvd. Private message or text Melody Bare @ 541-910-1263

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SGC Neighborhood Watch Program

The SGC Neighborhood Watch, led by Jerry Berg, has been keeping South Gulf Cove safe for 25 years. Neighborhood Watch began with fewer than 100 homes and is now a strong network of dedicated volunteers supporting the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office. These primary, substitute, and roaming volunteers act as extra eyes in the community, helping prevent burglaries and vandalism. Volunteers display car magnets and wear CCSO-issued vests for visibility. Monthly meetings are held at the SGC Clubhouse every second Tuesday, open to anyone interested in joining. To learn more or get involved, contact Jerry Berg at jberg1@embarqmail.com.

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Getting Social with the SGC Yacht Club

The South Gulf Cove Yacht Club was established via the Florida Article of Incorporation under chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes as a non-profit social club(501C7) in June 1998. The club was founded by 5 SGC families and has grown to over 500 families.

We welcome new members via membership application. New membership applications can be found online on the South Gulf Cove Yacht club website sgcyc.com There is a one-time initiation fee of \$50, and an annual fee of \$50.

The SGCYC hosts monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month (except for the month of July) at the American Legion post 113. 3436 Indiana Road, Rotonda West FL 33947. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm and usually last about an hour. We also encourage members to stay after the meetings for a social hour.

The Yacht club typically hosts one land event as well as a water event per month. Most of the land events are held at the SGC HOA clubhouse. Events include raft ups, going to lunch by boat, and themed parties with entertainment.



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.

BREAKING NEWS



Blue Stream Fiber Launches TV Service in South Gulf Cove

Exciting News! Blue Stream Fiber, South Gulf Cove's preferred provider, is now an authorized DIRECTV dealer—bringing residents even more entertainment options with NO satellite dish required!

Starting mid to late April, residents will have access to the new DIRECTV STREAM APP + Device service, which combines the best of traditional TV with the flexibility of popular streaming apps—all in one place.

This new TV option complements the ultra-fast internet (up to 1 Gig), Total Home WiFi, and reliable phone services Blue Stream Fiber has been delivering in South Gulf Cove since 2020. The partnership with DIRECTV allows Blue Stream Fiber to expand its offerings and help residents get the entertainment they love, the way they want it—without the need for a satellite dish or complicated setups.

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Hurricane Season is upon us!!

June 1 - November 30th



There is a lot of information out there for Hurricane prep. The things we share are meant to help give you ideas on where you can look for the information you need when preparing for Hurricane season. FloridaDisaster.org

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 National Hurricane Center:
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>
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DISASTER SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST

General

- Two week minimum supply of medication, regularly used medical supplies, and a list of allergies
- A list of the style, serial number, and manufacturer information of required medical devices
- Batteries
- Flashlights
Do not use candles
- NOAA Weather Radio
Battery operated or hand cranked
- Cash
Banks and ATMs may not be available after a storm
- Cell phone chargers
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Phone Numbers

- Maintain a list of important phone numbers including: County emergency management office, evacuation sites, doctors, banks, schools, veterinarian, a number for out of town contacts, friends and family

Clothing

- Rain gear such as jackets, hats, umbrellas and rain boots
- Sturdy shoes or boots and work gloves

Special Needs Items

- Specialty items for infants, small children, the elderly, and family members with disabilities

First Aid

- First Aid Manual
- Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes
- Sterile gauze pads
- Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
- Triangular bandages
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Sewing needle
- Moistened towlettes
- Antiseptic
- Disinfectant wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Thermometer
- Tube of petroleum jelly
- Safety pins
- Soap
- Latex gloves
- Sunscreen
- Aspirin or other pain reliever
- Anti-diarrheal medicine
- Antacid
- Laxative
- Cotton balls
- Q-tips

Food and Water

- Food
Nonperishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary items to last at least 7 days
- Water
1 gallon per person per day
- Non-electric can opener
- Paper plates
- Napkins
- Plastic cups
- Utensils

Important Documents

- Insurance cards
- Medical records
- Banking information
- Credit card numbers
- Copies of social security cards
- Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates
- Other personal documents
- Set of car, house, and office keys
- Service animal I.D., veterinary records, and proof of ownership
- Information about where you receive medication, the name of the drug, and dosage
- Copy of Will

**Items should be kept in a water proof container*

Vehicle

- Keep your motor vehicle tanks filled with gasoline

Pet Care Items

- Pet food and water to last at least 7 days
- Proper identification
- Medical records/microchip information
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**Statement from Charlotte County
Public Works on opening the Lock
on March 26th**

Public Works is aware that water levels have been dropping in the South Gulf Cove waterway system, and want to assure the community that staff is actively monitoring the situation.

According to the permit for the lock, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) allows the County to open the lock separating the Connector/Butterford Waterway and South Gulf Cove waterway system to raise the water levels on an annual basis when water levels drop below normal. Normal = 20 inches below the cap of the seawall at 9255 Key West St. The annual lock opening shall take place only during high tide, over a five-day period, within daytime hours, while a manatee spotter is present.

As per regulations, water can be allowed back into the canals once the levels drop to a certain point. As of April 9th, we have not reached that threshold.

**As of April 9th 2025 Parking fees are
suspended for beach and boat ramp
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**As of now
there is no
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Yes, alligator mating season in Florida typically begins in April, with courtship starting in early April and mating occurring in May or June. Here's a more detailed breakdown:

- Courtship: Alligator courtship, which involves behaviors like males lifting their tails and slapping the water, begins in early April.
- Mating: The actual mating season occurs in May and June.
- Nesting and Egg Laying: Female alligators build nests of soil, vegetation, or debris and lay 32 to 46 eggs in late June or early July.
- Hatching: Eggs hatch in late August or early September.
- Safety Tips: During mating season, it's important to be aware of alligators and take precautions, such as keeping pets on leashes, not feeding alligators, and swimming only in designated areas.
- Alligator Population: There are an estimated 1.3 million alligators in Florida.

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SGC Waterway MSBU

Do you have questions regarding the SGC canals, lock, maintenance, dredging and cattail removing? Attend the Waterway MSBU meeting to get them answered!

The purpose of this unit 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.

**Meetings are open to the public and the advisory board encourages anyone in the community to attend the quarterly meetings. The next meetings will be held at the Mac V Horton West County Annex Room 120, 6868 San Casa Dr. Englewood Fl 34224
May 28, August 27, December 17, 2025. 9:30am**

SGC Streets & Drainage MSBU

Do you have questions regarding the roads, drainage, bridges, landscaping, attend the SGC Streets & Drainage MSBU meeting to get your questions answered!

The purpose of the unit is to provide for the construction, reconstruction, repair, paving, repaving, hard-surfacing, re-hard surfacing, widening, guttering and draining of the platted streets in the unit, including the necessary appurtenances thereto, including beautification and landscaping projects, from funds derived from special assessments within the unit only.

**Meetings are open to the public and the advisory board encourages anyone in the community to attend the quarterly meetings. The next meetings will be held at the Mac V Horton West County Annex Room 120, 6868 San Casa Dr. Englewood Fl 34224
May 1, July 31, October 30, 2025 9:30am**

West Charlotte Storm Water Utility unit

The purpose of the unit is to provide for the financing, design, construction, maintenance and operation of a stormwater management system, plan for future infrastructure needs for drainage, accrue or borrow funds for future work, and carry out such work for all primary drainage infrastructure as determined by the county engineer. The purpose shall include the financing of the county's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System's (NPDES) permit and its requirements, as well as any costs associated with the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) program. The purpose shall also include water quality monitoring and native and invasive aquatic plant control with the use of chemical, biological and mechanical methods.
Last Meeting was held: April 9th 2025

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