



SOUTH GULF COVE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Welcome to the Fall Edition of the South Gulf
Cove CCT Neighborhood Newsletter!

As the air cools and the days grow shorter,
South Gulf Cove comes alive in new ways—with
seasonal gatherings, scenic sunsets, and
neighbors reconnecting after a busy summer.
The Conservancy and Community Trust of
South Gulf Cove, Inc. (CCT)—your community-
focused nonprofit—is proud to share this
newsletter, keeping you informed and engaged.
Published twice a year, in Spring and Fall, our
newsletter features the latest updates and
events from the CCT, the HOA, the Yacht Club,
and many dedicated residents who help make
this community special. From upcoming socials
to new initiatives, this issue is full of ways to get
involved and stay connected.

A heartfelt thank-you to our amazing volunteers
—your time and effort power everything we do.
And to our local advertisers, we appreciate your
support and encourage our neighbors to support
your businesses in return.

To our newest residents—welcome to South Gulf
Cove! We're excited to have you here and hope
to meet you at one of our many community
events. This is a place where neighbors become
friends, and there's always something
happening.

Enjoy the Fall 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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**Mark Vaccaro, President
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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 Angel Wish-----Maggie Cerro
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 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
- Actively promoting the 21st Annual Golf Tournament
- Organizing the 5th Annual Angel Wish Program
- Maintaining two social media pages with events and fundraisers
- Supporting the projects under CCT with their fundraising events
- Actively planning the 6th Annual SGC CCT Furry Scurry 5K community fundraiser
- Donated \$1000 to the Learning Garden
- Donated \$500 to the Jubilee Center
- Presented \$15,000 in SGC High School Scholarships for the 2025 class
- Donated over \$30,000 to our local animal shelters & animal affiliates from the Furry Scurry 5K fundraiser
- Maintaining the CCT Lending Libraries

CCT Donates to the Jubilee Center--
401 S. Broadway
Engelwood FL.



CCT President, Mark Vaccaro with Laura Roy Fink, Jubilee Center Administrator

CCT Donates to the Learning Garden--These ladies do a phenomenal job!! Check out the garden at 13577 Blake Drive in South Gulf Cove



Mark Vaccaro, Tina Hines, Barbara Tortorelli, Sheryl Bennet, Nancy Yocum, & Marcia Vaccaro

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of South Gulf Cove (CCT) Facebook Group**



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info@southgulfcovecct.org



Call us at 610-451-3370

FALL INTO YOUR NEXT MOVE

Change is in the air, and in the market! In just the past month, The Mooren Group has put **15 homes under contract** right here in SGC.

Buyers are actively searching, and Sellers who list with us are seeing results. Just like Fall brings fresh beginnings, there are still plenty of opportunities for Buyers to find their perfect home — and we're ready to welcome more listings to meet the growing demand.

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Have an idea to make South Gulf Cove even better? The Conservancy & Community Trust of South Gulf Cove Inc. (CCT) wants to hear from you! We're looking for community-minded neighbors with fresh ideas and the drive to make a positive impact. Whether it's an event you've seen succeed elsewhere or a project you've always dreamed of starting, CCT is here to support you with resources and a network ready to help. Email info@southgulfcovecct.org—let's build something great together!

**CCT Free Lending Libraries located at 14859
Ingraham Blvd**



We're excited to welcome new neighbors and invite everyone to visit the CCT Free Lending Library, conveniently located at 14859 Ingraham Blvd, right in the driveway of the HOA Clubhouse.

This little library is a big part of our community spirit — offering books for all ages. Whether you're looking for a weekend read, a fun story for the kids, or just want to browse, there's something for everyone. It's an easy stop during a walk or bike ride. Just swing by, grab a book, and enjoy the simple pleasure of reading — right here in South Gulf Cove.

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Lighting issues in South Gulf Cove

Let's Protect Our Night Skies and Wildlife

South Gulf Cove is a special place—blessed with natural beauty, a vibrant bird sanctuary, and breathtaking night skies filled with stars. It's one of the reasons so many of us chose to live here. But lately, our community has been experiencing more and more unnecessary light pollution.

Excessive outdoor lighting doesn't just diminish our view of the stars; it disrupts the delicate balance of wildlife, from birds to other creatures that thrive in natural darkness. It can also become a nuisance to neighbors, turning what should be peaceful nights into sleepless frustrations.

The solution is simple: be mindful. If you install motion lights, consider how they shine —fixtures should point downward, not outward, to avoid blinding your neighbors. And when you turn in for the night, ask yourself: is it too much to simply switch off the lights?

We didn't move to a city—we live in a rural, waterfront sanctuary. Let's keep it that way. By being considerate with our lighting, we can protect our wildlife, preserve our star-filled skies, and keep South Gulf Cove the peaceful, beautiful place we all love.

—A Concerned Neighbor

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21st Annual CCT SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Raffle Baskets & Prizes welcome!!

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
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Registration 7:30am - 8:15am
Shotgun start 8:30am

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Helping Seniors Stay Independent at Home

EverCare Express is a new local initiative serving Port Charlotte, Englewood, North Port & Punta Gorda. We want to hear from you about what would make life easier for seniors in our community.

Why We're Asking

We're listening first. Your input will help shape EverCare Express, a new community service designed to make daily living simpler for older adults and their families.

How You Can Help

- Take our short 2- minute online survey (or paper by request)
- Help us identify what daily needs matter most for seniors in our community

- Your input will directly shape EverCare Express - bringing peace of mind to local seniors and their families

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HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING FUN, SO MANY WAYS TO GIVE BACK AT THE HOLIDAYS IN SGC



The 2.0 Christmas Golf Cart Parade is back and lighting up South Gulf Cove on December 13th! What began as a fun holiday tradition has grown into a powerful community toy drive — thanks to the hard work of the 2.0 admins, Derrick, Jess, and the generosity of the residents of South Gulf Cove. Last year, the event helped the Conservancy and Community Trust of SGC Inc. deliver over 300 toys to the Jubilee Center in Englewood, that's over 300 reasons to smile, laugh and believe in the magic of this community. This year, after a tough stretch for many families, the parade is more than a celebration — it's a reminder of what makes South Gulf Cove special: neighbors coming together to lift each other up. This year's parade promises even more cheer, followed by a CCT-sponsored after party at the clubhouse with music, 50/50 raffle, and a chance to come together before the holiday rush. Stay tuned on 2.0 for more details — and be part of something special this season. Cheers to the joy of giving!

ANGEL WISH
Family Sponsor Opportunity

Sponsor a Child or Family in Need
This holiday season, many of our South Gulf Cove neighbors are facing hardships. Together, we can make a difference by providing gifts, clothing, and meals for children and families right here in our community.

What Does Sponsorship Mean?

- Choose to sponsor one child, multiple children, or an entire family
- Receive a wish list with age, sizes, and holiday wishes
- Shop for gifts or donate funds
- Deliver to our drop-off location by the deadline

Why Get Involved?

- Brighten the holidays for a local child
- Show the power of community spirit
- Every gift brings joy and hope

Sign up to Sponsor or Donate Today!
Email: Your Name, address, and phone number to: Angelwish@southgulfcovecct.org, make checks payable to SGC CCT or click the QR code to donate via our website and PayPal (drop down box-Angel Wish)

Sponsored by the Conservancy & Community Trust of South Gulf Cove, Inc. (All donations are confidential and handled with respect for our families.)

Become an Angel Wish Sponsor — Help a Local Family This Holiday Season. The CCT Angel Wish Program is back for its 5th year, bringing joy to South Gulf Cove families facing tough times during the holidays. Last year, thanks to generous residents, we supported 9 families and 23 children — and this year, we're expanding the program. Many of you asked to sponsor a family or child, and now you can. To become an Angel Wish Sponsor, email Angelwish@southgulfcovecct.org and we will contact you with details and answer questions. Prefer to donate? Just scan the QR code on the flyer for the CCT website. Use the PayPal link, select "Angel Wish", and your donation will go toward fulfilling real holiday needs. Special thanks to Maggie Cerro, our Angel Wish Program Director, for making it all happen. Let's come together and make the season brighter for our neighbors in need.

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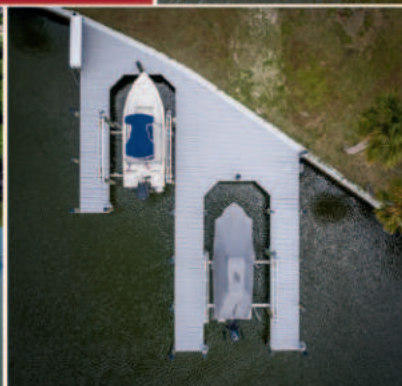
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NEED A HAND THIS HOLIDAY SEASON? ANGEL WISH APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

The Angel Wish program is back for its fifth year, supporting South Gulf Cove families who could use a little help during the holidays. Started by The Conservancy and Community Trust of SGC Inc., the program helps local parents provide gifts for their children when times get tough.

Last year, Angel Wish brightened the holidays for 9 families and 23 children right here in our neighborhood.

If you're facing financial challenges and could use some assistance this season, we encourage you to apply. Just scan the QR code on the form, print it, fill it out, snap a picture, and email it to angelwish@southgulfcovecct.org. If you can not scan the QR code, email all the information from the form and we will follow up with you directly.

Let's make the season brighter—together.



CCT ANGEL WISH PROGRAM APPLICATION

CONFIDENTIAL PROGRAM

ALL APPLICANTS MUST LIVE IN SOUTH GULF COVE

Please email the completed PDF form to:
Angelwish@southgulfcovecct.org, if you are unable
to fill out the form, email the below information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

of Children in the Household _____ Applying for yourself? Yes/ No

If applying for someone else, please provide your:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

CHILD/CHILDREN	M/F	AGE	GIFT REQUEST LIMIT OF \$50 EACH

Applicants will be taken on a first come basis, we will do our best to help as many as possible. The Chairperson will contact you to go over your needs. All information is Confidential!



FUNDRAISERS SUPPORTING THE CCT SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR OUR SGC SENIORS & BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

UPCOMING
EVENTS

3rd ANNUAL SCAVENGER HUNT

Join in the fun!!

****You can participate by car, bike, or any other form of transportation too!!****. Its all about the fun.... **BYOB**

\$20 per person

Saturday January 17th 2026

Scavenger Hunt from 2pm-5pm in the South Gulf Cove Community

(list of props emailed to team captain the night before)

Awards & Dinner following at 5:30 at the HOA Clubhouse on Ingraham Blvd.

Sponsored by the CCT

Email Carol or Connie for tickets and information:
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conchladylady6272@gmail.com

PROPS!!

****Proceeds to benefit the CCT Scholarship Fund**

Thank you

A heart felt Thank you to the organizers of these two events. Your hard work and community spirit have helped us raise the bar for our SGC High School Seniors CCT Scholarship program

4th ANNUAL SGC 2.0 GOLF CART POKER RUN (OR ANYTHING ON WHEELS)

MARCH 14TH 12PM-5PM

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PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE 2025 CCT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

6TH SOUTH GULF COVE CCT FURRY SCURRY 5K
Saturday, February 21, 2026
14859 Ingraham Blvd.
Port Charlotte FL 33981
 Join us as we exceed our \$100,000 donation mark for year 6

THIS IS NOT YOUR TYPICAL RACE, IT'S ALL ABOUT THE ANIMALS!

- 6:30 am registration
- 8:00 am 5K start Runners
- Followed by Walkers
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KUSH IS OUR GERMAN SHEPHERD RESCUE AND THE INSPIRATION FOR THIS EVENT. SCAN THE FB QR CODE AND FOLLOW HIS TRAVELS PLANNING THE 6TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SGC CCT FURRY SCURRY

We ♥ our Volunteers

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS EVENT, PLEASE SCAN THE CODE TO THE LEFT AND EMAIL US. MANY THANKS!

THIS IS NOT YOUR TYPICAL 5K, ITS AN EPIC CCT COMMUNITY EVENT FOR THE ANIMALS

Join the 6th Annual Furry Scurry — Help Us Hit \$100,000 for the Animals!

Get ready, South Gulf Cove — the 6th Annual Furry Scurry is here! Hosted by the Conservancy and Community Trust (CCT), this fun-filled event supports local rescues and shelters, and this year we'll cross a major milestone: over \$100,000 donated to animals in need!

Sign up to walk, run, or strut your mutt. Donate raffle or silent auction items, become a sponsor, or contribute gift certificates to promote your business. Enjoy 50/50 raffles, meet adoptable animals, and connect with the local rescues and businesses who make this possible.

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FEBRUARY 21, 2026

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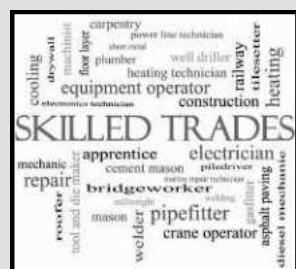
Tired of paying property tax on vacant land?

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.




"It's never too early to get your kids involved"

The Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove Inc. (CCT) proudly offers scholarships exclusively for students from the South Gulf Cove community. Our Scholarship Program supports a wide range of educational paths, including trade schools, 2-year programs, and 4-year colleges, helping students pursue their dreams. Through CCT and other community events, we work hard to provide these opportunities and strongly encourage students to take advantage of them. Lemon Bay High School students should contact the Guidance Department to learn about the parameters, eligibility, and application process for the scholarships. Volunteering at CCT events also counts toward community service hours. Email info@southgulfcovecct.org to get involved and support your peers' future success.




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**UPCOMING
CCT Blood Drive**
November 20th 2025
January 29th 2026
March 26th 2026
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We're grateful to those who already give this way — and we invite others to join them in helping us continue our mission to strengthen South Gulf Cove.

Thank you for being part of the difference!

South Gulf Cove



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Congratulations to the 2025 CCT Scholarship recipients



Carol McGuire, CCT Treasurer, along with Taynalecia Hall, MacKenzie Long, Natalie Walker, Gavin Marshall, Christine Morris, and Parker Zautcke

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- Food Truck Mondays
- Yacht Club Meetings
- HOA Meetings

thanks for your support

Winner to be announced at the Spring CERT Bingo Fundraiser
*winner need not be present to win

Email Geoff Norton for ticket information:
cert@southgulfcovecct.org

This Raffle helps to fund CERT supplies & emergency communication projects



The Projects under the Conservancy & Community Trust of SGC Inc. 501C3



South Gulf Cove Community Emergency Response Team (SGCCERT)

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 in the memo
- 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

HUGE Thanks to all who came to the CERT Bingo Fundraiser!!

Big thanks to B & B Elite Home Services for sponsoring food at our April CERT Bingo Fundraiser—and to all the bingo players who showed up and showed out! Thanks to your support, we raised \$650. Fundraisers like this help us buy essential equipment to serve the community during disasters like Hurricane Ian.



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Geoff Norton, CERT chair, calling Bingo at CERT's April Bingo Fundraiser.

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Geoff Norton testing WinLink communication in case of an emergency like Hurricane Ian.

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To use this service, designate one out-of-area contact in advance. After an event, you'll fill out a brief form (required by the FCC & Emergency management) with your 25-word message. We'll prioritize emergency needs first. Questions? Email us at cert@southgulfcovecct.org.

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1. Direct Name (Last, First)			
2. To (Email)			
3. From (Name)			
4. Email address	5. Date	6. Time	
7. Message: (No More than 25 words, please print)			
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Did you know we had a South Gulf Cove Music Society?? Check out the programs scheduled in October & December!!

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"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 SGC. Email: Arc@southgulfcovefl.org with questions.

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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

The newest projects at the HOA Clubhouse



The extension on the outdoor patio is complete, and the landscaping improvements have begun and looking great!!.

CALL for VOLUNTEERS

HOA Neighborhood Clean-Up

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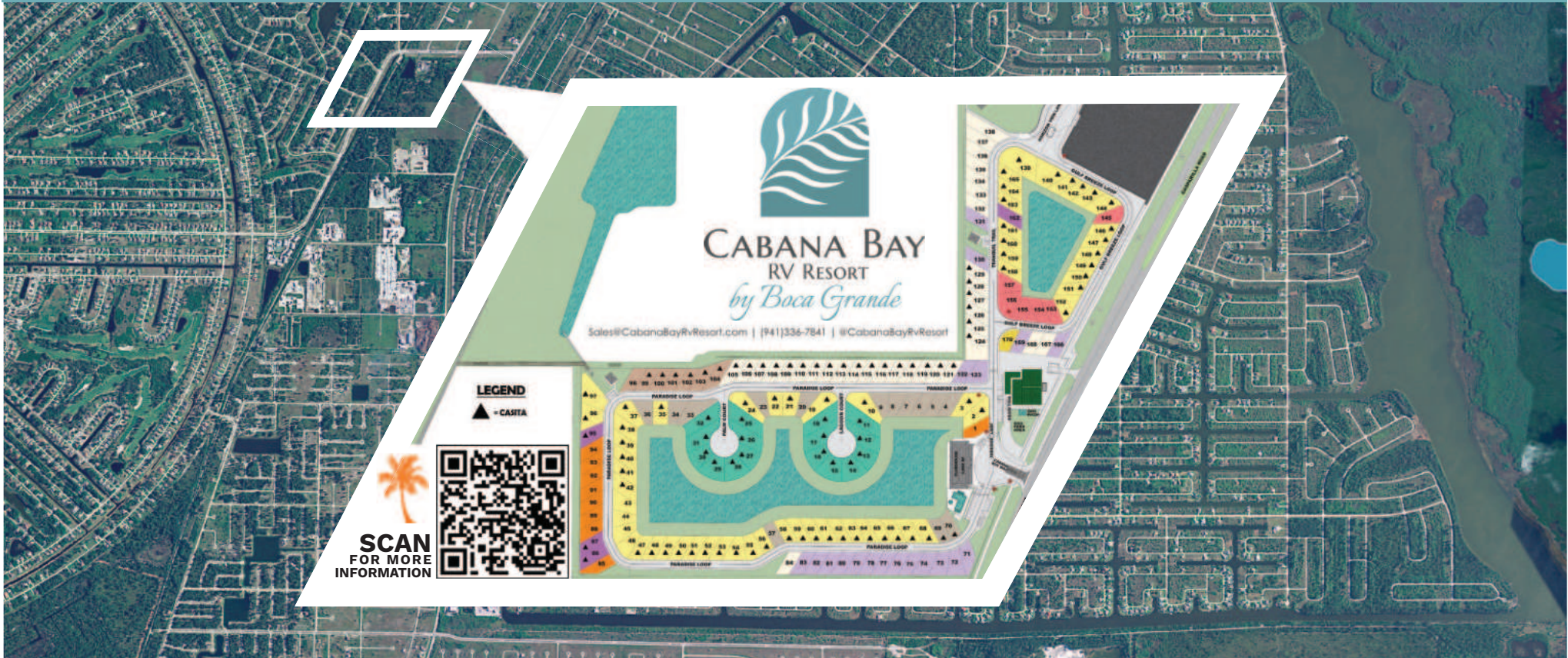
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Upcoming Events at the HOA Clubhouse

Social Committee, Crafty Girls and Art Club

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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



Food Trucks & Music are back!!

First Monday of the Month!!
October 6th kicks it off
5pm--8pm

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FOOD TRUCK DAY



GARAGE SALE

Crafty Girls Garage Sale

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2/27/26-2/28/26 7am-2pm

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for a table/\$10 each day

HOA Business Expo

October 6th

During the Food Truck Event, Come out and meet your SGC Businesses



Falloween Fall Festival

October 18th



HOA Car Show

November 2nd
10am-2pm

Food available for purchase at 11am, while supplies last



Veterans Day Dinner

November 11th
Time TBD

Free to All HOA members and Veterans with pre-registration



Wine Tasting

November 14th
More details to Follow

Alcohol Ink Work Shop
w/Rosana Halprine

November 16th
1pm - 4pm

Reservations required
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HOA Social Hour

December 17th

Join us for a social hour before the HOA meeting



Kid's Christmas Party

December 20th
More details to Follow



New Year's Eve Party

December 31st
More details to Follow



Chili Cook Off

January 24th



Valentine's Day Dinner Dance

February 14th

New
TO SGC?



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CHECK OUT!!**

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HOA CLUBHOUSE

No Spouse in the House

South Gulf Cove has many solo homeowners, or residents whose partners may not be interested in participating in group events. Our social group is designed to bring people together who might otherwise skip community activities! We meet at the clubhouse at 6 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, and membership is completely free. The only costs are for your own expenses on trips or lunch/dinner outings. Currently, we have about 35 members and welcome everyone to join. **We are also looking for a new chairperson to help organize and lead our activities—this is a great opportunity to get involved and make a difference in our community!**

For more information, please contact Maggie at 908-399-4855 (text or call).

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

A big thank you to everyone who joined our semi-annual Girls Night Out in August. We had a fantastic time with all our ladies and vendors and are proud to have donated \$350 each to Jubilee Center (food pantry), Suncoast Humane Society (no-kill shelter), and C.A.R.E. (supporting abuse and rape victims).

Mark your calendars for our next Girls Night Out on February 7, 2026!

We meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each Month at 12:30 PM at the clubhouse. Come meet amazing ladies, learn a craft, and help us make a difference in our community!



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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

Bingo Fun – 2nd Sunday of Every Month! 🎲
Join us for a lively afternoon at the clubhouse—doors open at 1 PM, games start at 2 PM, rain or shine! Open to men and women, bingo is a perfect way to spend Sunday with friends and family.
Packs start at \$10–\$25, with extras available. Plus, enjoy Winner Take All, 50/50, and exciting door prizes. Come for the fun...leave a winner!

Bunco Fun

Bunco is still on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12:30 at the HOA Clubhouse at 14859 Ingraham Blvd. VERY EASY game to learn and a lot of fun. Join in, meet some of your neighbors and make new friends.

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.

Mexican Train Chairperson needed

We're excited to bring Mexican Train game day to the clubhouse, but we need volunteers to make it happen!

Looking for an unpaid HOA member in good standing to serve as chairperson, with a committee of 3–4 helpers. Duties include opening/closing the clubhouse, setting up tables, and keeping the space tidy.

Interested? **Email social@southgulfcovefl.org to join the fun!**



News from the Learning Garden 13577 Blake Drive in SGC

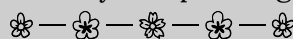
Holiday lighting cheer will be happening this year at the Learning Garden.

Please come by and enjoy the beautiful park and take pictures with our holiday lights. Lights will be up the month of December. The Learning Garden is located at 13577 Blake Dr. off Ingraham.

Thank you for our new Free Plant Stand



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Thank you to Mark Vaccaro, Realtor, Paradise Exclusive, for building and donating the New Free Plant Stand at the Learning Garden. Thanks to Charles Dukes, Roland Coderre, & Marcia Vaccaro for help on the assembly and painting.



Did you know that you could donate a tree or bench at the Learning Garden to honor a loved one?



Looking for a meaningful way to honor a loved one? South Gulf Cove residents can donate a tree or bench to the Learning Garden in their memory. It's a lasting tribute that adds beauty and purpose to our community garden space. To learn more or discuss donation options, contact Nancy Yocom.





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What to Bring Unlimited Allowable Items

Recycling Materials



Businesses can participate in the county's recycling program.

Special Waste



****Household Recycle Center**** Pick up household product waste items in front of the Mid-County Mini-Transfer & Recycling Facility, located at 19765 Kenilworth Blvd. in Port Charlotte. A fee is required for special waste.



For more information on Solid Waste Services: CharlotteCountyFL.gov/solidwaste

What to Bring Limited Allowable Items



Annual Year - October 1 to September 30

Prohibited Items

- Business or Commercial waste
- Electronic waste
- Tires larger than 22"
- Appliances larger than 48"
- Loading or unloading vehicles
- Wood from land-gravel property
- Lawn cleaning debris from vacant lots
- Pesticides
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SGC Neighborhood Watch Program

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Holiday Schedule

There is no residential curbside service or special pick-ups of electronics and bulky items on the holidays listed below.



New Year's Day - January 1

Independence Day - July 4



Thanksgiving Day - Fourth Thursday of November



Christmas Day - December 25

If your collection day falls on one of the above holidays, collection will be one day later that week with Friday customers being serviced on Saturday.

Example:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
X	Regular Collection Day	Regular Collection Day	HOLIDAY - No Collection	Collection for those whose normal day is Wednesday	Collection for those whose normal day is Thursday	Collection for those whose normal day is Friday

The Charlotte County Landfill is closed on the above holidays. The Solid Waste Office and Transfer Facilities are also closed on other county-recognized holidays.

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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
NOT No Wake

"Slow Speed, Minimum Wake Zone"

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scanning the QR code



South Gulf Cove Boat Ramp Update

The design for the project has been completed, and all necessary permits have been secured.

The construction project has been fully developed and is in the final stages of preparation. The project will be advertised for bid imminently, pending final preparations.

Lonne Moore-Project Manager

Charlotte County Community Service

Living in Harmony with our Wildlife in South Gulf Cove

South Gulf Cove is blessed to be part of a dedicated bird sanctuary, where we share our neighborhood with countless species of birds, as well as alligators, bobcats, coyotes, and more. These creatures were here first, and as new homes are built, we must take care to respect their space and live alongside them safely.

Always admire wildlife from a distance and never feed them—it changes their natural behavior and can create dangerous situations. Keep pets leashed and children supervised near canals and greenbelts, especially at dawn and dusk when animals are most active.

We can also help by limiting outdoor lighting to reduce light pollution, planting native species for food and shelter, and cutting back on pesticide use to protect pollinators and aquatic life. Even small actions, like adding a bird box or keeping part of your yard natural, make a difference. **AI generator article Together, we can keep South Gulf Cove a true haven for both people and wildlife.



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Friends of South Gulf Cove (FoSGC) Community update: Harbor Village Development and Harbor East



The recent decision regarding the Harbor Village Planned Development (PD) marks a pivotal moment for the residents of South Gulf Cove and surrounding waterfront communities. What began as a concerning proposal—with docks lining the Interceptor and Butterford Waterways—became a galvanizing call to action for hundreds of engaged neighbors who care deeply about our water quality, wildlife habitat, and community character.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of local residents, community advocates, and grassroots organizers like the Friends of South Gulf Cove (FoSGC), the final outcome of the PD includes several critical protections that would not have happened without community involvement:

- No docks will be permitted along the Interceptor or Butterford Waterways. All docking infrastructure must remain within the internal marina. This is now written into the PD.
- A designated “protected greenbelt” will preserve all existing mangroves along the Interceptor, with trimming restricted to what is allowed under FDEP regulations.
- The greenbelt will not be deeded to private homeowners, helping ensure it remains preserved for the greater public benefit.
- The commercial portion of the project will maintain a minimum of 950,000 square feet, helping protect the area’s planned mixed-use character.

This victory belongs to the residents who sent emails, signed petitions, spoke at meetings, and shared accurate information across social media platforms. It proves that when we band together as neighbors—with a shared vision and respect for the unique beauty of our area—we can help shape decisions that affect us all. We extend our sincere thanks to every neighbor who spoke up or showed up, to Maronda Homes for listening and working with FoSGC and the community, to the County staff for revising the language, and to the Commissioners for approving a revision that ultimately serves both the residents and the county.

“Let this be a reminder that our voices matter—and that we are the true stewards of South Gulf Cove.”

We want to thank our neighbors for staying engaged and supporting efforts to protect the integrity of South Gulf Cove and its surrounding waterways.

FoSGC recently met with State and County agencies to address several concerns that came to light during the Harbor Village development hearings. These concerns include enforcement of State and County codes, encroachments near the State Preserve/Greenbelt, and dock violations within protected waterways.

Here’s what’s happening:

Charlotte County planning & Zoning:

The County is currently investigating code violations and dock placement issues related to the Harbor East (HE) portion of the Lennar development.

- The eastern and western sections of Harbor East borders land with limited Right of Way (ROW) access and crossings.
- A County Staff meeting with Lennar is scheduled to review these issues. FoSGC will receive updates and share them with the community.

Southwest Florida Water Management District:

- SWFWMD is reviewing concerns with both Harbor East and Harbor West developments.
- The “as-built” documents for Harbor East are missing key components.
- The western portion of HE falls under strict Water Management “land use” rules outlined in the original Planned Development approval.

Looking Ahead:

FoSGC remains committed to education, transparency, and partnership. Many of these issues could have been avoided if County Codes, HOA and ARC guidelines had been clearly communicated to homeowners, builders, and dock companies from the start. For example, Harbor East’s own HOA and ARC documents outline proper dock placement and land use. To support residents and reduce confusion moving



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forward, we will be uploading HOA, ARC, and other key documents to our Facebook page and website for easy access. If you have seen newer or revised documents, please email us--Your help is appreciated.

How You Can Help:

If you see something that doesn't seem right, please report it directly or notify FoSGC so we can help coordinate:

To report a violation to Charlotte County Code Compliance:

1. **Online:** Use the Citizen Access Portal
--Follow the instructions to report or track a code issue.

2. **Phone:** Call (941)743-1201 and press "2" for Code Compliance.

3. **Email:** Charlotte County:
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Boca Community Access Alliance Beach Parking Update

This past month, our community has rallied to raise awareness about the impact of the new Lee County Parking Ordinance, which effectively restricts public parking on Boca Grande. Streets 1-19 are now off-limits unless you have a residential, business, or visitor pass. Off-island residents are excluded. Limited 3-hour parking downtown remains, and churches were granted Sunday median parking.

The consequences have been swift and damaging. Businesses on Gasparilla Island report up to a 30% drop in customers, and the GIBA reports a 25% decrease in traffic. This is not just a local issue—this affects us all. Gasparilla Island is part of our shared community.

We were present at the August 5th Lee County meeting where the ordinance was passed, and we continue to fight. On September 9th, the Charlotte County Commissioners took action:

- They're sending a resolution to Lee County asking for parking to be restored, with a 30-day response window.
- They've asked the county attorney to review Senate Bill 180 as a possible legal route if Lee County refuses to cooperate.

Residents have proposed alternatives, and Charlotte County is researching their own. They understand the ripple effects this ordinance could have—including overcrowding at Englewood Beach.

This is about fairness, transparency, and protecting shared access. Lee County taxpayers should be aware: over \$35 million in state funds have gone to Boca beach renourishment, with more to come through 2056.

We've filed multiple public records requests and are tracking legal follow-ups promised by Senator Albritton and Representatives Nix and Oliver.

This fight isn't over. The only way we win is together—united as a community, standing shoulder to shoulder.

We thank the community for showing your support by attending the meetings!

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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
December 17, 2025. 9:30am**

MSBU Lock Update

The South Gulf Cove MSBU has spent the past three years gathering real-time data on the community lock. Results show the lock is operating efficiently and is far from over capacity. With tenders on duty, a single boat passes through in about four minutes, and multiple boats only add about a minute each. This means the lock could handle 34 boats per hour, or 411 boats per day.

In reality, the busiest day in the last three years saw only 232 boats (56% of capacity), and just four days total exceeded 200 boats. Nearly one-third of days logged fewer than 25 boats, while 62% of the time the lock was used at less than 12% of its capacity. Average use has been 39 boats per weekday and 68 on weekends. Since the County hired lock tenders, maintenance issues have decreased, uptime has climbed above 90%, and wait times are usually under 10 minutes. This is a dramatic improvement compared to years past, when downtime was more common.

MSBU Lock Update continued

Despite this, Charlotte County has already spent over \$500,000 pursuing permits for a parallel lock—part of a proposed \$12.9 million project. After seven years, federal approvals remain stalled, with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service yet to approve. Even in a best-case scenario, the Army Corps of Engineers would take at least two more years to review.

The white paper concludes that, based on actual usage, environmental challenges, and cost, the County Commissioners should reconsider the necessity of a parallel lock. Instead, focus may be better placed on maintaining and extending the life of the current lock to ensure continued reliability for the community.

Tender House Update

- Tender House is funded by the State
- Estimated construction start: October 1, 2026
- Needs to be positioned closer to the existing Lock.



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SGC Streets & Drainage MSBU

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.

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