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## From your Board of Directors

t the Board of Directors meeting held on May 21, 2019 there were 3 shareholders present. Our financial report for the month of April 2019 indicates that income for the month was \$36,208.05 with expenditures of \$40,261.87. The financial statement for each month is posted on the bulletin board at the rear of the hall for everyone to review. The Board voted to re-invest \$60,000 of the CD currently at Hancock Bank that matured on 5/2/2019 and deposited \$47,109.96 into the reserve account for the paving of 1st & 2nd Ave and A street. The Board also approve the purchase of new LED rope lights around the ceiling in the Clubhouse. The Board approve the continued use of Steve Macy, CPA. The Board approved suspending the monthly Board meetings for June through September as well as closing the office on Fridays from June 7th through Aug.30th.



## **ARE YOU PAYING TOO MUCH** FOR AUTO INSURANCE?

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\*NOTICE: Acceptability of all proposed applicants subject to underwriting approval, premium rates are subject to change. Rates will vary based on age of operator, driving record, credit history, garaging address and type of vehicle.









# From the Office

For the some suggestions to keep you and your property safe.

- 1. Keep doors and sheds locked at all times. Yes, even if you are home.
- 2. Consider installing a motion sensitive porch or yard lights. Thieves hate lights!
- 3. Do not leave tempting items in your carport or in back of your home. A lot of thieves cruise the area first to see what is available and come back after dark. So, keep your sheds closed, locked and valuables out of sight.
- 4. Report any known theft, vandalism, or <u>suspicious characters</u> to the Police on (727) 369-7864 <u>IMMEDIATELY</u>. <u>Don't call the Office or the Directors</u> and DO NOT confront the individual(s) let the police do the investigation! Although it is important information for us to know, the Police will not accept reports from anyone other than the person who witnessed the event and can describe first-hand what has happened. You can let the office know once you have reported it to the Police.
  - a. Pay attention to details: What does the suspect look like (size, features, clothing, vehicle (color and make if possible), etc. This will help the Police search our area and surrounding communities.
  - b. <u>Do not follow the suspect</u>. That is dangerous for your safety and will only delay the report to the police.
- 5. If you go away for a few days or a few weeks, don't forget to stop the mail and paper delivery. A loaded mailbox or newspapers in your carport screams "Break in I'm not here".
- 6. Don't assume that strangers are just someone's family visiting. If your gut tells you something is wrong, it probably is. <u>DO NOT</u> confront the individual(s) IMMEDIATELY call the Police non-emergency number (727-369-7864). It is much easier to apologize to a neighbor for the error than explaining to them ..."gee I'm sorry, I thought it was someone related to you" after their home is broken in to.
- 7. Lock/Secure your Golf Cart and Bicycles.

# Shut off water valves

f you are using the water outdoors, please remember to shut off the valve at the house instead of just turn the nozzle on the hose.

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# Articles for the Newsletter

ny article submitted to the Golden Gate Newsletter should have the author identified. If you have a computer with an email connection, articles may be emailed to ggmedia@ Lampabay.rr.com, preferably by the Monday before the third Tuesday of the month. The Board of Directors' Meeting is the third Tuesday of the month and the agreement with the publisher gives us up to the day after the meeting to deliver copy to be published. If you don't have a computer you may continue to deliver a double-spaced paper copy, again, preferably by the Monday before the third Tuesday of the month.

# Light up at Night

f you are riding a bike or driving a golf car at night you should have lights on so others can see you.

# Soliciting

oliciting of any kind is not allowed in Golden Gate. If anyone comes to your door trying to sell anything, please be safe and just say no thank you; close your door and <u>call the</u> police non-emergency number (on page 2 of the Golden Gate Telephone Directory (727) 369-7864. Do not confront the solicitors.

# Weed Program

s most of you are aware, we have a problem with the growth of weeds during the summer months, typically May through September. The weed problem we are concerned about L is in the planter boxes and the front of the homes. Even those homes that have mulch or stones in the planter boxes will have weed growth.

The board does send "Friendly Reminders" to alert residents as stated in rule #16..."Each shareholder is responsible for the neat and orderly appearance of his or her premises at all times. However, the general response to the friendly reminders has been less than satisfactory.

We would like to aid in solving this problem by having our maintenance staff spray weed killer in the planter boxes or in front of the home for any resident that desires to participate. There will be a \$40.00 per year fee to cover the cost of the material for spraying from May through September. If you wish to participate in this program, send a check or pay cash to Jane in the office. If you choose to participate in this program, our maintenance staff will spray, beginning in May and ending in September. However, if you have ornamental plants that could be harmed by the spraying, you will have to make other arrangements, since we will not be responsible for any damages.

If you choose not to participate, the weed issue for planters and the front of your home will continue to be your responsibility, and be subject to the terms of rule #16 concerning work done in your absence. 6







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# Friendly Reminder...

There have been several "exterior home improvement/modification projects" completed within our community during the past year. However, the majority of them were completed without prior approval of the Directors as required by "Golden Gate Rules and Regulations": Per Rule 16. (Home Sites) ... "Any additions or revisions to your exterior property, including outside painting of any type, must be approved by the Board of Directors and a permit obtained from the office before starting work. The permit must be displayed in a clearly visible area. No fences permitted without approval of Board of Directors..."

## **Maintenance Staff Assistance**

f you identify a maintenance item around the Community, please ask someone in the office (Jane or a member of the board) to complete a work order for Lam. This allows them to track, prioritize and complete their daily work load. Thank you!

#### **Good Information**

nowbirds, do you have Golden Gate withdrawal shortly after leaving our park and going back home.

Do you ever wondering what am I missing or what is going on at Golden Gate during the summer months?

Do you ever want to re-read a newsletter article just days after throwing it in the trash?

Have you ever sat around and discussed a newsletter article from a previous month or even previous year and wish you kept that newsletter?

Well fret no more... the "Golden Gate Nugget" is now online and able to read from your computer, tablet or phone.

You can even download the entire newsletter or just the monthly calendar in beautiful color. Just go to the link below and select the year and month of the "Golden Gate Nugget" you're looking for. It currently goes as far back as October, 2014...ENJOY!

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A Complete Listing of Resident Services can be found on the page before your calendar

## **Bad News/Good News**

The Good News is we actually have residents stopping at our stop signs... the Bad News is we have some residents stopping at out Stop sign and throwing out cigarette butts and tissues out their auto windows. Please be considerate of our community and dispose of your trash properly.

## Together, WE are Stronger at Golden Gate!!!

put the post below on our Facebook page on April 22, 2019 at 11:46 a.m. Admittedly, somewhat nervously. I was warned that I could become the target. My concern for all of Lus became the priority for this content and also our joint approach to all of our rules. The responses relieved my nervousness, at least somewhat. Thanks to the supportive comments posted! A good point was made that not all of our residents see the Facebook posts so I thought to add this to our Newsletter. Please note that my posting was not intended against the residents that I witnessed getting into the pool at the end as it was only part of the overall topic for the benefit of all.

"HEADS UP! Hi all, I thought to warn our community and then make a plea. I was stepping into the spa last week and slipped on the slippery steps in the water. Luckily, I was able to avoid injury. I feel I am pretty mobile so I am even more concerned for those not as mobile and for our community for the liability repercussions. I know our spa and pool are very well maintained so I believe this is from sun tan lotions (and maybe alcohols observed several times in the pool area in the last couple weeks). It remains very important for users to follow the rule to ensure they shower before entering any of the waters. As residents, please remember to do so and inform your guests. On one day after this, I had to remind 2 people to shower first after I watched them put on lotion. One was actually on the steps entering the pool. They ended up being guests of different residences and very pleasant. A few minutes later, a couple of residents directly entered the pool without showering. At this point, I was frustrated and did not say anything again as it is obviously a bigger problem than one person can handle. Therefore, I have decided to make

# Strays / Feral Cats

Tree roaming cats also referred to as community cats present a challenge to the health and safety of county citizens as well as the health and safety of the cats. In order to confront this challenge with a new approach the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County has approved a 3-year pilot Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, & Release (TNVR) program.

Golden Gate is working with 'Meow Now Pinellas'. As we trap a stray cat we contact 'Meow Now Pinellas' to come and pick them up. It is very important for our residents to NOT feed these stay cats as this makes it very hard to trap them.

If you know of free-roaming community cats, please contact the Golden Gate Office and we will set out a trap or contact 'MEOW Now Pinellas' at (727) 203-5255 for TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return) services.



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this plea. We are all friends and in this together. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE respect your neighbor's, follow the rules as they are there for all of our benefit. If you do not like a rule, all residents can make a change request through the office. In the meantime, please respect them. Thanks for listening / reading!".

Please speak up politely to anyone that you notice in breach of a rule and back up a fellow resident that you might witness speak up before you. If you are not treated appropriately in return, you or any other witness have the option to make a confidential report in the office. This is the only way the Board of Directors can follow up.

Submitted by: Frank Scarpino

#### **Golden Gate Women's Club**

elcome to summer and the heat! We had a great time cooling off at our first Happy Hour in May (the 3rd Friday of the month.) Lots of food and neighbors to chill out with- it was great! June Happy Hour is Friday June 21, 4-6 pm- hope to see you all there.

Thanks to Pat Stephenson and Janet Bankhead for hosting a memorial Saturday May 18th for Polly Hunter's family. Polly was well loved here in the park and we will all miss her. Thanks to everyone that helped.

We would also like to thank the Men's Club for a wonderful Mother's Day luncheon from all the mothers in the park. very appreciated by everyone there.

Keep your eyes open for the flier (if you don't have it yet) for our Father's Day Luncheon on Saturday June 15th. Pat Stephenson and her helpers have an amazing luncheon planned. Unfortunately, I will be out of town until the 19th but you can still reach me by phone or text.

July 4th is a great time and a lot of fun, food, drinks, barbeque, parade contest, games. It's coming soon and we do need some helpers and some new ideas!!!

Looking forward to a WONDERFUL SUMMER with all of our full timers. Doree



# LABOR OF LOVE

very heartwarming Delivery Day on April 10, 2019. We took 502 items to our charities of Johns LABOR OF LOVE.

Hopkins All Children's hospital, Alpha House, Pregnancy Center of Pinellas Park, Hospice and Well Spring Oncology along with individuals from here and memory Quilts. Added to our deliveries from Oct 2018 and Dec 2018 our "SEASON" total was 1746! Amazing, awesome and all the other descriptive words. Almost all were hand crafted.

THANKS to all who participated with their contribution, whether it be sewing, knitting, crocheting, fabric, monetary and prayer donations, we could not have accomplished this without the combined effort to continue "SERVING THOSE IN NEED WITH LOVE". Labor of Love will meet all summer in the hall on Wed from 10 to 11 A.M. with special Sew Days on the calendar. Please join us. Call me for any questions @ 727-698-6003. jennie louise snyder heeren



#### Please be aware per Pinellas Park Codes and Ordinances...

Sec. 5-202. - Animals or animal premises creating nuisances. (A)

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The owner, person acting for the owner, or person in control of any animal or animal premises that has been deemed a public nuisance animal or animal premises, as defined under this Article and outlined in this Section, shall be deemed to be in violation of this Section.

(B)

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor any animal which barks, whines, howls, or makes other utterances of noises in a repeated or constant manner so as to create a public nuisance, or to keep or harbor any animal which chases after vehicles, bicycles, persons, or other animals in a manner which is likely to cause injury to person or property, or to keep or harbor any animal which destroys or damages property of another, or to keep or harbor any animal or provide any animal premises which unreasonably interferes with the use and enjoyment of the





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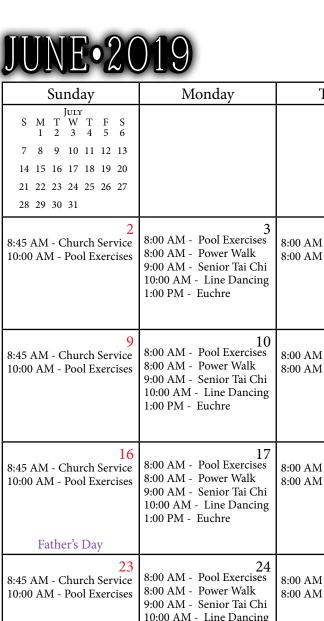
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# **Golden Gate**

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property of another, or have control or custody of any animal which is running at large, causes fouling of the air by odor, defecates on the property of another, or is offensive or dangerous to the public health, safety, or welfare, or to keep or harbor any animal or provide any animal premises that is considered to be a nuisance or menace in the opinion of the City Manager and/ or his designee.

(C)

It shall be unlawful for any person to feed or distribute grain, other food or garbage of any kind or nature in such a manner as to attract wild or domestic birds, fowl, mammals, or other animals of any kind or nature in confined or concentrated areas in such numbers as to create a public nuisance.

(Ord. No. 1081, 5-28-1981; Ord. No. 1117, 11-12-1981; Ord. No. 1464, 1-24-1985; Ord. No. 3192, 11-25-2003; Ord. No. 3866, § 3, 10-11-2013)

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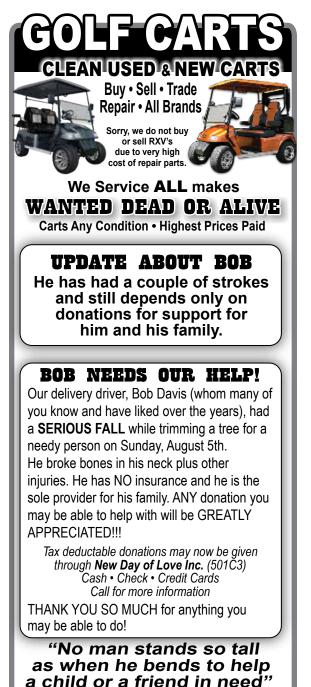
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## **New Residents**





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Charles and Sharon Perry are part time residents at 82425 New Circle Drive and are from Chillothe, Ohio.



Teri L Smith is a fulltime resident at 82255 3rd Ave. and is from St Petersburg.

#### **Anniversaries in June**

- 3 Sue & Frederick Hasse 38 Mary & Arthur Quinter 242 Roberta & William Fournier 8 422 14 Dolores & Robert Hathaway 402
- Victoria & James Fox 129 15 Rosa & Maison Goodrich 200
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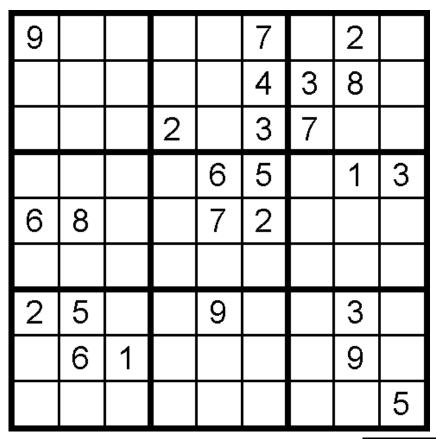
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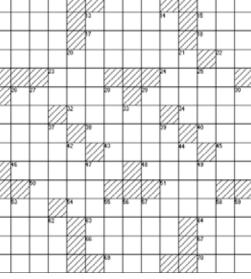


#### ACROSS

- 1. Box 5. Which person? 8. Store 12. A river in central Europe 13. A perennial used for seasoning 15. Underside of footwear 16. Bobbin 17. Lubricated 18. Tall woody plant 19. An opening to shoot arrows through 22. Personification of the sun (Roman mythology) 23. Supplement with difficulty 24. A pear-shaped stringed instrument 26. Assert 29. Long brightly-colored Mexican shawl 31. An expression of surprise 32. City in Florida 34. Repent 36. Bacterium 38. Occasion 40. Generates profound wonder 41. Fertile areas in deserts 43. One less than nine 45. Scottish for "Uncle" 46. Disinherit
- 48. A chain of mountains
- 50. Festivity
- 51. Earned Run Average
- 52. Utmost degree
- 54. The act of noticing
- 61. Products of human creativity
- 63. Negate
- 64. House
- 65. Lyrical writer
- 66. Sharp high-pitched dog cries
- 67. Female sheep
- 68. Ripple or current
- 69. Dance step
- 70. Tirade

- 1. A Slavic people 2. Humble request 3. Cain's brother 4. Respite 5. Sound of something in rapid 27. The opposite of myopia
- motion
- 6. Anagram of "Hail"
- 7. Concluded
- 8. Supersonic transport
- 9. A unit of power
- 10. Margarine
- 11. Skin of a fruit
- 13. Clique
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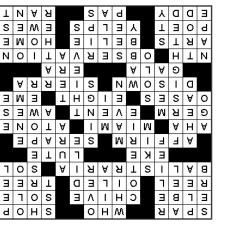




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- 20. Examine hastily
- 21. Subtle emanation
- 25. Goodbye (slang)
- 26. In the front
- 28. Someone who is highly
- skilled
- 29. Makes melodious sounds
- 30. Bowel cleansing
- 31. In the past
- 33. Japanese apricot
- 35. East southeast
- 37. Plateau

- 42. Alone 44. Prefix indicating 1 trillion 47. A loon
- 49. On the contrary
- 52. Anagram of "Pane"
- 53. Stepped
- 55. Ooze
- 56. Singer Fitzgerald
- 57 Tears
- 58. Mid-western state
- 59. Portent
- 60. Where a bird lives
- 62. Pigpen





#### Early birds versus night owls—who's better off?

The early bird gets the worm, and early risers enjoy other benefits, according to a story on the *New York Post* website. A survey of sleep habits involving 2,000 people found that, among other things, self-identified early birds have more sex on a weekly basis than their night owl counterparts.

The survey also found that early birds generally make more money, are more likely to work in an office setting, and describe themselves as happy. They're also more likely to be married with children in their home. On the other hand, night owls are typically shy and sarcastic, likely to believe in ghosts and cryptids, and more often single.

They tend to sleep about the same amount—seven hours a night for early birds and six hours for night owls. However, early birds are light sleepers, and they feel more well-rested when they get up than night owls.

#### Disconnecting may not lead to the benefits you're looking for

Ver feel the need to disconnect from your devices for a "digital detox"? The Yahoo Finance website reported on a survey by Mojo Vision (Saratoga, California), which found that people tend to use technology as much, if not more, after distancing themselves from their smartphones and tablets for a while.

The survey of 1,000 Americans found that 67 percent agree that technology makes life

easier, but 55 percent believe that all that tech is a distraction, with one-third worrying that it hurts people's ability to connect with one another. Still, 54 percent said that abstaining from their devices didn't produce the positive benefits they'd hoped for—or at least were unsure whether it had a beneficial impact.

The most common strategies for "subtracting" tech are setting devices to send fewer notifications, putting them on a "Do Not Disturb" setting, scheduling times to not use their devices, or simply turning them off for a period of time.



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#### **Flower power**

dairy farmer in Japan, Toshiyuki Kuroki, found a novel way to help his wife, Yasuko, cope with her failing health. When complications from diabetes robbed her of her vision, he began planting shibazakura around their farm. It's a species of phlox and a hearty groundcover that blossoms March and April.

Though he knew his wife of 30 years would no longer be able to see the beautiful fuchsia-colored petals, he hoped the sweet fragrance of the flowers would lure her outdoors and out of her deepening depression. It didn't, for a while, and then something pretty wonderful happened.



As the farmer continued to plant more flowers, they thrived and spread across the farmland. People from surrounding areas, even tourists, began to visit the farm. Everyone wanted to see the beautiful pink fields and walk among the spring flowers. With so many new and different people showing up on their land, the farmer's wife began to wander outside and interact with the visitors. She was happy again.

For the past 25 years, the shibazakura fields that surround the home of Toshiyuki and Yasuko Kuroki have sparked joy and wonder in the hearts of many. The Kurokis receive about 7,000 visitors a year at the farm during March and April, and they no longer raise dairy cows.

Their story is a reminder that love and flowers are a powerful healing force.

## That's what friends do

story recently went viral on social media that attracted the attention of national news outlets:

A teenager from a small town in Arkansas saved two years of earnings from his part-time job to buy a motorized wheelchair for his best friend and fellow high school classmate. It was a selfless act that speaks volumes about friendship and goodwill while serving as an example of how each of us can do and give more to contribute to the greater good.

#### A flower cannot blossom without sunshine. A man cannot live without love.

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