

**Dear Gulf Winds East
Owners,**

June 1st, 2025

Seasonal Hours

As you all know by now, we did not hold our May 23rd BOD meeting. With the Snowbirds gone, we have begun our Off-Season hours. Our on-site manager, Barbara Cantos, will begin her new reduced hours on June 2nd. She will be in the office on Monday and Friday from 9:30 to 3:30. She has recently sent this notice out to the owners, and it is currently being posted on the office front door.

Website

Our website is currently under construction. We should have it up and running soon. I have employed a new professional website designer. Once completed, you will find our new site to be more user friendly with an organized clean profession look to it. We will now own our domain name and look forward to showcasing it to everyone in June. In addition, there will be other cost saving features this new website will offer which I will divulge once it's established.

Entrance

The front entrance(s) at GWE now has a new look again. Given our severe drought, intense sun and oppressive heat, our last pot(s) of fresh flowers did not last. Therefore, we will no longer be wasting money on replacing flowers that cannot hold up to Florida's weather conditions. The bouquet of authentic looking artificial flowers is ideal for this location and should weather our climate easily.

Landscaping Company

For a variety of reasons, we felt that it was time to move on from our current landscaping company Vision Turf. No matter how many times we tried to work things out, they could not meet our landscaping needs. Last month, I interviewed several companies that we felt could offer GWE the service we thought we were paying for. Vision Turf was given their 30-day notice, which was stipulated in our contract.

We signed up with a new company called " Lawn Care Service". Their overall annual contract was about \$5000 less than V.T. and they have a number of additional services which was the deciding factor. After walking the grounds with this new landscaping company, I found them to be very knowledgeable and eager to fix our problems. They will be starting this month.

Their first project was to increase the size of our holding tank from 20 gallons to 80. Along with reconnecting underground pipes, blocking unnecessary water sprouts (like the one we found under the bocce court) repairing / replacing and properly adjusting the direction of our sprinklers.

Packages

We have had a rash of missing packages that have been left at the mailbox and sometimes even the doorstep. If your home, please retrieve your deliveries asap so as not to encourage this type of vandalism. And, if you're not planning to home at the time of delivery, please alert your neighbor so that your packages can be secured.

Miscellaneous

- Our Electrician repaired the inner pond lights.***
- New solar motion lights have been installed at the pool tiki hut.***
- The major repair work done to the E elevator took about three days.***
- Weekly elevator cleaning, curb painting and power washing by our maintenance man, Anthony, continues.***
- Still waiting for 3 bids to replace both toilets in the pool area.***
- Our baby alligator is still here; the county was called to come and have it removed but they said that it was too small for them to concern themselves with it.***
- A while ago, our Cam, Barbara Cantos, sent out a letter asking the owners to register their pets. Surprisingly, many of them have responded to this free and yet mandated request. We are now encouraging our long-term renters to comply as well.***

**Robert Polo
GWE President**