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President's Message

Hello Neighbors,

I hope everyone who joined us for the happy hour at the Bourkes and the Spring Fling had a wonderful time reconnecting with neighbors and enjoying the delicious home-cooked dishes contributed by members. A special thank you to Scott Leinke for the slow-cooked brisket—your dedication to flavor was truly appreciated!

A huge thank you to Terry Spitzer for organizing the Spring Fling and ensuring the tents, tables, and supplies were all in place. Even with the strong winds, everything held up (almost) perfectly! And, of course, a heartfelt thanks to Peggy, who consistently helps keep the food tables running smoothly—we appreciate you!

On the neighborhood improvement front, Bill Boyd is working with the city to complete the final cul-de-sac curbing. We're also addressing concerns about the large tree on 23rd Ave, aiming to have it trimmed or removed to prevent fallen branches and berries from creating hazards for walkers, bikers, and drivers, especially during storms

Looking ahead, we're hoping to host a couple of gatherings this summer and fall for our year-round residents.

Additionally, we'd love to gauge interest in a mid-December holiday party—like the sit-down dinners we've enjoyed at Palmetto Pines in previous years. If that sounds like something you'd attend, let a board member know!

Wishing everyone a fantastic summer,

Neil Wiley

Happy Hours

Many thanks to the Bourkes, who hosted a beautiful happy hour in March.

If you would like to host a happy hour next season, please reach out to our president, Neil Wiley. He can be reached at (612)804-4129

Beautification Efforts



A big thank you to Sean Stephens for trimming the trees in our median. He did a great job. If you need any tree trimming or landscaping done, reach out to Sean. He lives in Gold Coast Estates.



Spring Fling



We had a wonderful turnout for the Spring Fling. It was a windy but sunny day. Thanks go to everyone who

helped set up, tear down, and shared food! John Camp was presented with a beautification award. It reads as follows:

One person can make a difference.

JOHN CAMP

Since 1988 you have made

Gold Coast Estates

A better place to call home!

Thank you





Poker Run



We had a great turnout for the poker run on March 18th. A big thank you to the Shaws for all their hard work to make this an amazing event!





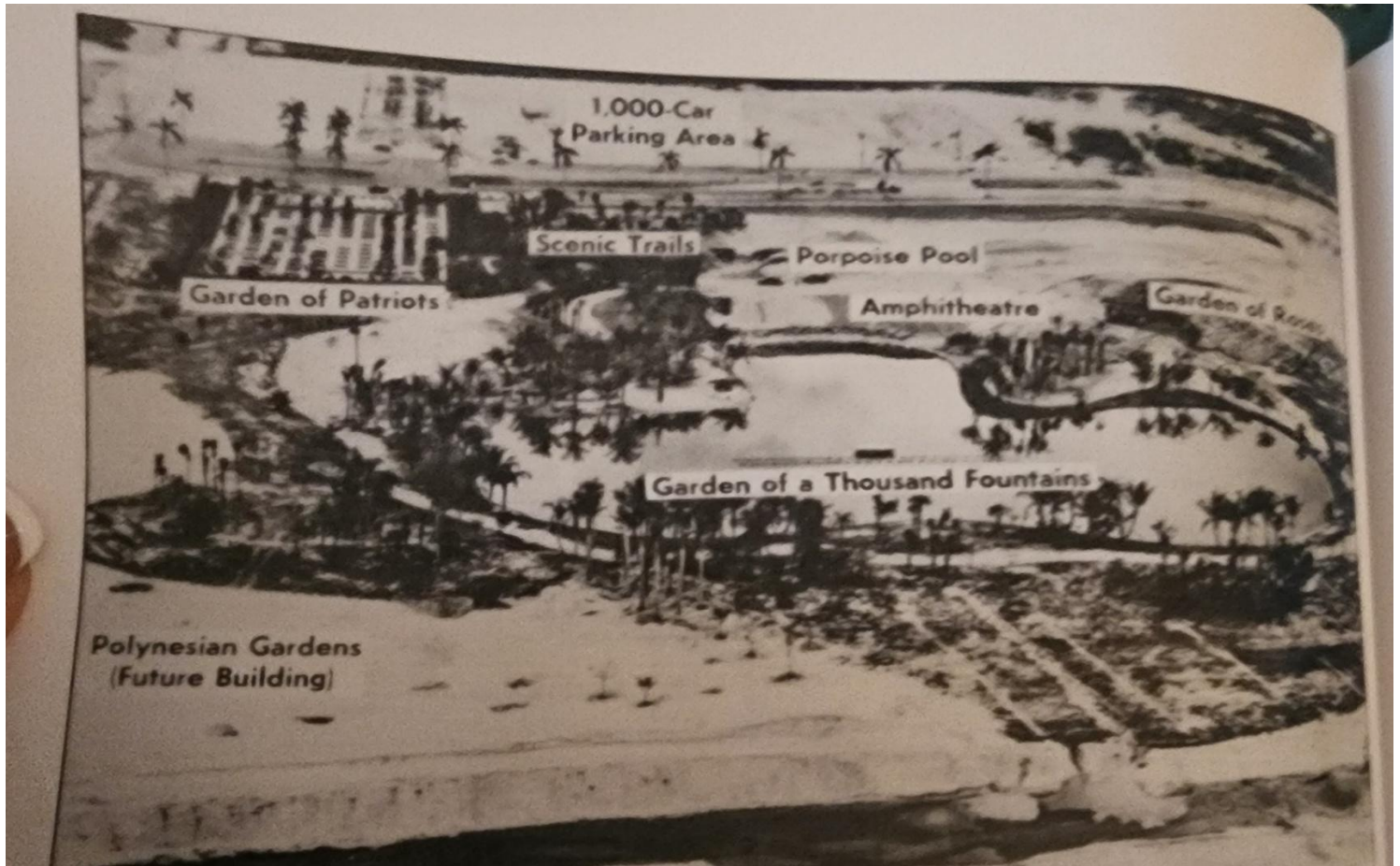
GCEA Historical Page



LCE manager Homer T. Welch and Leonard Rosen came to a gentleman's agreement on running electricity down Del Prado Boulevard (then Harney Point Road) even before the first house was built. Rosen put up \$3000 in earnest money. The wires were strung and the first residents moved into their fully powered home in June 1958 and LCEC was turning a profit. Rosen got his deposit back. Initially, there were 17 streetlights along Del Prado Blvd. and Kenny Schwartz would patrol the area and let the LCEC know when one was out.



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This fascinating photo shows early construction under way on the Cape Coral Gardens. The final version of the gardens was very similar to the original plan although some names ended up undergoing a change. The Garden of a Thousand Fountains was the feature that became famous as the Waltzing Waters.



The fountain array was 137 feet long and contained more than 800 water jets that shot a spray 85 feet high. 3,500 feet of piping was required to operate the fountains and the resulting combination of flowing water, shimmering hues, and magical music captivated audiences. From a natural amphitheater on a hill rising above the fountain lake, visitors witnessed a spectacular show.

The Cape Coral Gardens closed in 1970



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