



GCEA NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and are looking ahead to a happy and healthy year.

Recently, I came across the original letter written by Bert Hamilton in the GCEA history files, which outlined the reasons residents chose to form an association in 1978. As we enter 2026, we proudly mark **48 years of continuous volunteer operation**, dedicated to making Gold Coast Estates one of the most desirable communities in Cape Coral.

I would like to share a few board updates. Our secretary, Dan Carney, has resigned to pursue a new adventure. We sincerely thank Dan for his time, dedication, and service to the board.

At our Christmas party, Susan Minaya volunteered to once again serve as secretary, and Tom Scopp has also rejoined the board. We are grateful for their willingness to serve and look forward to their experience and insight as we move forward. We are fortunate to have a knowledgeable and committed board.

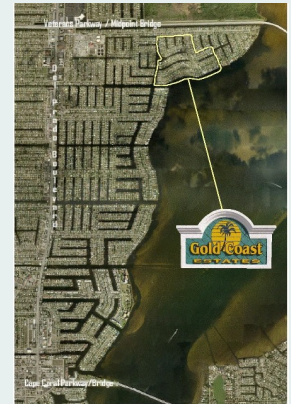
Special thanks go to Paul MacPherson for his efforts in organizing a successful November Happy Hour and potluck, as well as to our host, Alex. Our annual Christmas party was a wonderful event, enjoyed by all who attended, with great food provided by Point 57.

After many years of service, Bill Ward is stepping down from coordinating the Christmas lights at the entrance to Gold Coast Estates, a role he shared with Barney Polaski. We extend our heartfelt thanks to both Bill and Barney for their long-standing dedication. Bill will continue his work ensuring our flag is properly displayed as we approach our nation's 250th anniversary.

Thank you to everyone who contributes their time and energy to keeping Gold Coast Estates such a welcoming and vibrant community.

Also, Thanks to the many who wished me speedy recovery from my brief stay in the hospital and minor surgery. I feel great again and look forward to seeing friends + neighbors while walking exercise through our beautiful Gold Coast Estates.

Sincerely,
Neil Wiley
President, Gold Coast Estates Association



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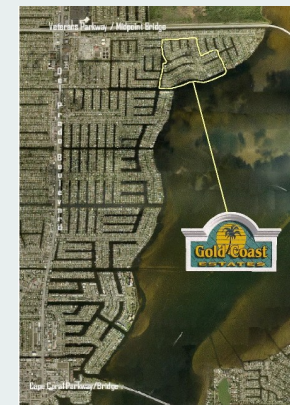


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Thank you to Bernd Aleander (Alex) for hosting the November Happy Hour.

The next Driveway Happy Hour will be held on **January 16** at Neil Wiley's home, **2321 SE 27th Street**.



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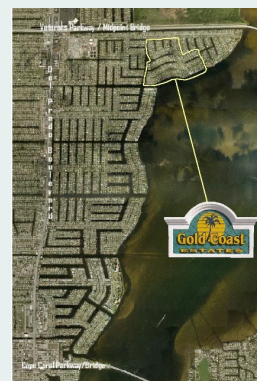
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For local events in February:
Cape Coral Bike Night is scheduled for February 14, 2026 with Slow Bike Races. Live Music will be Relentless Fire and ZZ Top Tribute Band



GCEA UPCOMING EVENTS

During the December Holiday Party at Point 57, an activity survey was distributed to the 40 members in attendance. The purpose of the survey was to gauge interest in potential activities that could be offered by the Gold Coast Estates Association (GCEA).

The survey included a wide range of options, such as our regular Driveway Happy Hours, the Annual Cul-de-Sac BBQ, the Boat Poker Run, and several new activity ideas.

Two activities received overwhelming support from members:
A **GCEA Night at the Cape Cabaret** on 47th Terrace
A **ferry trip from Punta Gorda to Cabbage Key** for lunch

President Neil Wiley has approved both events, and Paul Macpherson is currently working to place them on the GCEA calendar. Tentatively, the Cape Cabaret evening is planned for **February**, and the ferry trip to Cabbage Key is planned for **March**.

Our regularly scheduled events will continue, including the monthly Driveway Happy Hours, the Annual Cul-de-Sac BBQ, and the Boat Poker Run. In addition, several members expressed interest in a **GCEA Pampered Chef Party**. Coordination efforts are underway, and more information will be shared as details are finalized.

For additional information regarding any GCEA activity, please contact:
Paul Macpherson @ 240-271-7411



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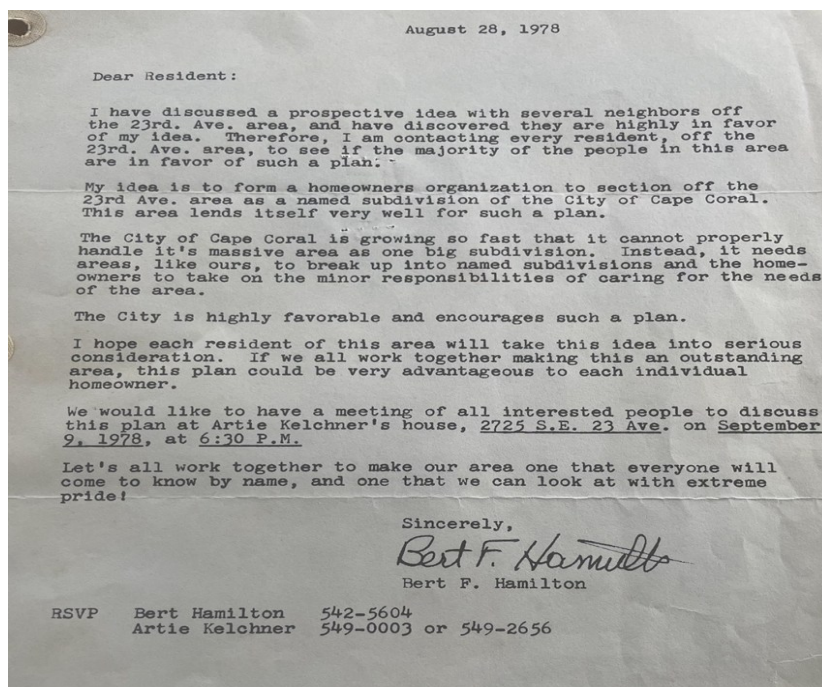


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As we approach our 48th year as a community, we are pleased to share the original 1978 letter that led to the formation of the Gold Coast Estates Association. This document reflects the early vision of neighbors working together to shape and care for our community and reminds us of the volunteer spirit that continues to guide us today.

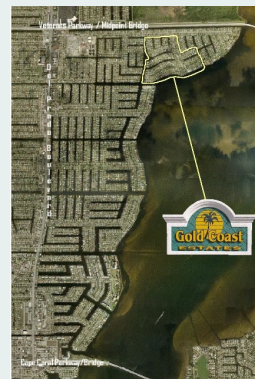
Included is the original community selection form used when neighborhood associations were first established. This document marks the point at which residents formally chose Gold Coast Estates as their community's name.



☐ Twenty-third Palms	☐ Caloosa Cove
☐ The Palms	☐ Caloosa Gardens
☐ Vista Palms	☐ Caloosa Pointe
☐ Palm Haven	☐ Caloosa Shores
☐ Breezy Point	☐ Caloosa Cape
☐ Coral Pointe	☐ River Way
☐ Harbour Pointe	☒ Gold Coast Estates
☐ Evergreen Point	☐ Pine Aire
☐ Palm Haven	☐ Quail Run
☐ Evergreen Haven	

(Please check only one)

SUGGESTIONS:



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