



GCEA NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Neighbors,

A big thank you to Buzz and Peggy Talbot for hosting last week's Driveway Party. It was well attended, blessed with beautiful South-west Florida weather, and, as always, featured an impressive spread of delicious dishes brought by neighbors.

GCEA recently paid nearly \$800 to improve two cul-de-sacs by removing weeds, replacing rock, and adding additional rock where needed. Please note that the City does not maintain the cul-de-sacs. Over the years, GCEA has shared in the cost of installing curbing at four cul-de-sacs, along with landscaping, sprinklers, and ongoing maintenance.

This is another example of how your dues are used to beautify and enhance our neighborhood. In addition to cul-de-sac improvements, your support helps fund projects such as the bus stop bench, flag-pole and flag replacements, bike rack, entrance sign lighting and upkeep. We also have funds set aside for future sign replacement or redesign, as our entrance sign has evolved three times since 1978.

Many members choose to pay their dues not just to participate in events, but to help maintain and improve our community. The Far-netts, for example, have generously donated \$200 annually for years in support of neighborhood beautification.

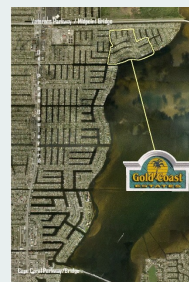
Lastly, thank you to all the volunteers who step up to help. As an all-volunteer association, your time and commitment make a meaningful difference and keep GCEA a true asset to our community.

We hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

Neil Wiley

President, Gold Coast Estates Association



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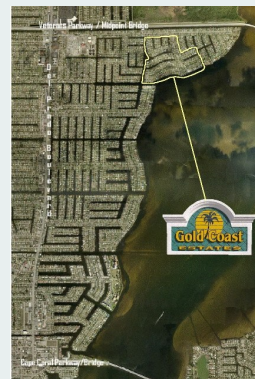


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Thank you to Buzz and Peggy Talbot for hosting the February happy hour.

The next Driveway Happy Hour will be held on March 20 at Susan and Guido Minaya's home, 2271 SE 27th Terrace



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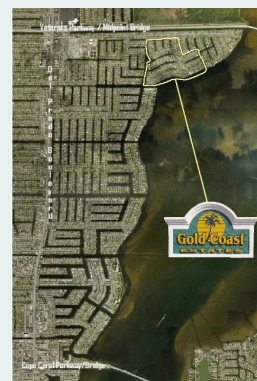
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LOCAL EVENTS

The Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins return to JetBlue Park for spring training from late February through March. To order tickets by phone: 877-REDSOX9 (877-733-7699) For ticket and other information: 239-226-4700



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GCEA UPCOMING EVENTS

Pampered Chef Party March 3 5:30-8:00 pm

2346 SE 28th St.

To attend please text your details to 240-271-7411

Money raised during this event will go to the Cape Coral Food Bank . If you can't attend you can check out all the cool gadgets and order at <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/goldcoast>

Boat Poker Run March 17th

Join us on March 17th for the 3rd annual Poker Run. (backup date in case of bad weather is March 19th). Poker Run will be followed with a potluck awards ceremony at the Shaws. This is a fun event! Get your RSVP to Doug Shaw with the number of passengers in your boat who will be playing a hand of cards. Please contact Doug at 419-822-7113. 2239 SE 27th St.





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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF A VERY INTERESTING AND LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF GOLD COAST

John Camp was born on March 5, 1926, in Wisconsin to parents of Italian descent. As he approaches his 100th birthday, we celebrate not only this remarkable milestone, but also his many years of contribution to Gold Coast Estates.

After graduating from high school, John attended the University of Wisconsin, where he studied engineering for two years. He then continued his education at the United States Naval Academy, studying electrical engineering.

During his distinguished career in the Navy, John served aboard numerous ships, including battleships, aircraft carriers, submarines, and destroyers. Among his most memorable experiences was serving with the Seabees. He retired from the Naval Reserves as a Lieutenant Commander.

Following his military service, John attended Marquette University and earned his law degree. He went on to practice law in Appleton and the Milwaukee area until his retirement.

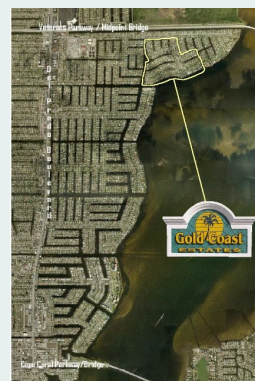


John and Joy were married in 1967.

Their son, Chris, was born in 1968, and they remain happily married and in love to this day. In 1988, they purchased their home and enjoyed splitting time between Gold Coast and Milwaukee before becoming full-time residents here three years ago.

Even now, John continues to impress. He enjoyed sailing and riding motorcycles well into his 98th year. He still volunteers one day a week with the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and rides his bicycle each morning to work out at the fitness center.

We are honored to count John among our Gold Coast neighbors. As he celebrates 100 years, we wish him many more healthy and happy years ahead.



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