

# Golden Gate Point Association Newsletter

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## PICNIC SET FOR PHOENIX ROOF TOP

The Golden Gate Point Annual Picnic will be held again this year on the spacious roof top of the Phoenix. Come socialize with your neighbors at a casual dinner and watch a glorious sunset. Poki Joe's will be catering an array of sandwiches, baked beans and salads. There will be beer, wine and soft drinks and nibbles, all for \$20.00 per person. Everyone who resides or owns property on Golden Gate Point is invited. John Dent will explain the tax appraisal process as well as how to protest an assessment and there will be updates on our streetscape and park projects. **5:00 pm** on the Phoenix roof top.

Please send your checks for \$20 per person to: Pat Hooley, 590 Golden Gate Point, #4, by April 15. **SEE YOU THERE!!**

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## GGP PETITIONS FOR PARK

At a special meeting of the Golden Gate Point Association it was decided that the Association would petition the County Park Department to establish a park on land numbered 653 and 111 GGP. This is the vacant lot and the Bel Ra apartments located on inside of circle dead ahead as you enter GGP. During discussions, the chief concern was the prospect of homeless persons "camping out" in the park. Members concluded that through proper design, lighting, hours and enforcement we can minimize this risk. Although the petition was filed, the GGP Association has heard nothing yet from the park department. The Board appointed a committee of John Dent, Brent Parker and Martha Luciana to oversee this project.

## STREETSCAPING SLOW

Brent Parker, Chairman of Streetscaping Committee, reported at the March 15 Golden Gate Point Association Board Meeting that groundbreaking for our streetscaping has yet to be scheduled. Engineering documents are complete but City Engineering is waiting for final plans from Florida Power and Light which are expected shortly. Then the project will be bid. Finally the City Commission must approve on the contract after receipt of the bids. Bid documents are expected to be issued in the next 3 weeks, with construction starting early summer. Your Board of Directors had hoped to have a Ground breaking ceremony at our annual picnic but now will plan a ceremony for later in the year.

Return to: Pat Hooley  
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## CALENDAR GGP EVENTS

<b>April 19</b>	<b>Annual picnic Phoenix roof top 5 to 7 p.m.</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Monthly meeting 9 a.m. Phoenix meeting room</b>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>Monthly meeting 9 a.m. Phoenix meeting room</b>
<b>July 19</b>	<b>Summer Breakfast event</b>

Have you visited our web site recently? It has up to date information on our neighborhood especially the street-scaping and park projects.

Go to  
[www.goldengatepoint.net](http://www.goldengatepoint.net)

## MOORING FIELD PASSED

After the lobbying effort by members of the Downtown Condo Association and other city residents, the City Commission voted to move forward with a plan to establish a mooring field with Marina Jack as the operator. There will be approximately 100 moorings. Boaters using the field will pay between \$10 and \$15 per day. Part of this charge will cover cost of picking up garbage and human waste.

The proposed plan to build a floating bath house with toilets was rejected. "This is a big win for having a clean bay and minimizing derelict vessels," explained Ron Ward, GGP Board member and our representative to the Downtown Condo Association.

## MEET NEW BOARD MEMBER

Martha Luciani, our newest Board member, moved to Vista Bay with her husband, Tom, nearly two years ago. Previously they had lived on Longboat Key for 16 years. They were attracted to Golden Gate Point because of its proximity to downtown and to the water. Martha spent her career in the pharmaceutical industry, specializing in marketing research and commercial development of oncology and biotechnology products. She has been an independent consultant for the past decade.

Martha enjoys bicycling, running and joining Tom boating. They are members of the Bird Key Yacht Club.