

Golden Gate Point Association Newsletter

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ITALIAN STYLE PICNIC PLANNED

Golden Gate Point's annual picnic will have an Italian flavor this year. It will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. on the rooftop of the Phoenix. The cost is \$18 per person. Reservations are being taken by Pat Hooley and must be made by April 15. The picnic is open to all owners or renters on Golden Gate Point whether you are members of the association or not. The picnic, catered by Poki Joe's will include antipasto salad, lasagna, meatballs and sausage with onions and pepper, garlic bread and assorted desserts. Wine, beer, soft drinks and appetizers will also be available. Brent Parker will present the latest news on our streetscape project. The 2009 GGP Directory will be handed out to those in attendance and mailed to others soon after.



OUR STREET IS A MESS! ISN'T IT WONDERFUL!

At last our streetscape project is going full tilt. Curbs, sidewalks and parking areas have now been poured in the Northeastern section of the circle; each section of the work taking 2 to 3 weeks to complete. Come to the Picnic for the latest report. "Personally I think the construction people are doing a wonderful job working around us," says Pat Hooley, a resident at Pier 550 where most of the work is now taking place. "Most people I've talked to feel the same way. Needless to say, there are inconveniences, but I think we all feel they are to be expected. The workers try to help us in every way."

GGP CALENDAR

APRIL 18	PICNIC 5 –7 p.m. Phoenix rooftop
MAY 16	Monthly meeting 9 a.m. Phoenix
JUNE 20	Monthly meeting 9 a.m. Phoenix
JULY 18	ANNUAL BREAKFAST Bird Key Yacht Club
NOVEMBER 14	STREETSCAPE GALA

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NEIGHBORHOODS ORGANIZE TO SOLVE MUTUAL PROBLEMS

Your Golden Gate Neighborhood Association is represented in the Coalition of City Neighborhoods (CCNA). The purpose of this organization is to preserve, protect and enhance city residential neighborhoods and to address the needs of neighborhoods and stand in support of those needs. There are 26 neighborhoods represented within the group. In the past, CCNA has worked to pass legislation through the City Commission to control such problems as neighborhood parking, crime and absentee landlords. Recently the group supported the Alta Vista neighborhood in objecting to plans for original School Avenue development. Many City Commissioners, such as Lou Ann Palmer, Kelly Kirschner, Ken Shelin and our representative, Dick Clapp, have represented their neighborhoods in CCNA.

The group representing the downtown residents is the Downtown Sarasota Condo Association (DSCA). Membership covers the bayfront including 888 Blvd of the Arts, Alinari, and the Sunset Drive condos as well as the downtown area. At one point, the Golden Gate Point Board decided to also join DSCA because, although we are a distinct neighborhood, we have many of the same issues as downtown residents. However, CCNA decided that this membership gave Golden Gate Point an extra vote in CCNA decisions and asked us to chose belonging to one or the other. We chose to stay with CCNA partly because it was decided that individual Condo Associations within GGP can join DSCA.

Any Condo Association interesting in joining DSCA can get more information from Ron Ward, DSCA representative from La Bellasara.

STREETSCAPE GALA PLANNING UNDERWAY

The GGP Board of Directors has decided to hold a special event which will celebrate the completed streetscape project at the start of a new season. Presently plans are for the party to be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on November 14 which will include music, food, tours and special presentations. A planning committee of Brent Parker, Bea Holden, Linda Hellmich Brink, Lisa Sebastian, Betsy Henning, Gil Waters, Charlotte Hedge, Pat Hooley and Carol Kopeck will be working to make it an unforgettable event. More details will be available later this year.

SPECIAL "GREEN" LIGHTING TO MARK CROSSWALKS

Brent Parker announced that the 3 crosswalks at the entrance to Golden Gate Point will be outlined with brand new solar LED lights strips that will light up the intersections without using any power. It will be the first time these devises have been specified for use in this country.

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our neighborhood, visit our web
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