

# GOLDEN GATE POINT ASSOCIATION

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## SPECIAL MEETING HELD Referendum Explained

The special meeting held October 29 was attended by 34 Golden Gate Point residents. Brent Parker, who has headed our streetscaping project for the past 5 years, brought us up to date. The Golden Gate Point Streetscape District has been approved by the City Commission and we will vote on it on December 13. The estimates on costs have gone up in the last two years, but we also have more condominium units now to spread that cost amongst, so Brent does not expect the cost to each tax payer to be any more than was first estimated; about \$110 per \$100,000 assessed value.

Anyone who is registered from a Golden Gate Point address is eligible to vote. The poll will be in the lobby of the Phoenix from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on December 13. You must have been registered by November 14th. Absentee ballots are available from the Registrar's office and must be returned to their office before December 13. You may request a ballot by calling 861-8654. A copy of the referendum will be posted in each building.

If the referendum passes, we hope to begin the work December 2006. The city will float bonds of around 5 million (depending on costs revealed in design plans) to pay for it and we will pay this back over 25 years through our taxes. Each year the amount to be repaid will be divided amongst taxpayers according to the value of their property as set by the tax assessor. Since more condos should be added each of the first few years, the first year's taxes should be the highest.



*At special meeting, GGP resident, Pete Horowitz examines streetscaping plan which will be voted on December 13.*



*President Denise Watermeier, Director Brent Parker and our Commissioner, Mayor Mary Ann Servian at GGP special meeting, October*

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## GOLDEN GATE POINT CALENDAR

Event	Place	Date
Referendum vote	Phoenix Lobby	Dec. 13 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Annual Meeting	Bird Key Yacht Club	Jan. 21 9:30 a.m.

Return to:  
Golden Gate Point Association  
590 Golden Gate Pt. #4  
Sarasota, FL 34236

## A Letter from Your President

On behalf of your Board of Directors, I'm pleased to report that on December 13<sup>th</sup> we will have the opportunity to vote on the streetscape project that we have been working on for at least five years. I hope that you and your neighbors understand what is proposed and will vote. Here is your opportunity to be heard on this major project on Golden Gate Point. Project information may be found on our Web site ([www.goldengatepoint.net](http://www.goldengatepoint.net)).

In addition to the streetscape project, Pier 550 is working with the County to replace the blocked drainage pipe that goes through their property and I am working with the Herald-Tribune to reduce the number of newspapers and move them around the corner.

Your Board of Directors meets monthly (except December) on the third Saturday at 9 AM on the roof of the Phoenix. Visitors are not only welcomed but encouraged. Most buildings have Captains who represent them. We need as many residents as possible to first become members of the Association and then participate on the Board, on Committees, and as building Captains. The more participation we have the more we are able to do and the more our residents are heard.

## AROUND THE POINT

**Drainage Update** - Plans for opening the drainage pipes on the west side of Golden Gate hit a snag when it was discovered that the current pipe has collapsed from age. Since it runs under a Pier 550 building, a new pipe will need to be put elsewhere. The Pier 550 residents are working with the County to get an easement designated on the side of their property where a new pipe can be installed. **New Buildings** - Grand Riviera has received a certificate of occupancy and families are moving in. All units have been sold. A big welcome to all newcomers!

**AND ELSEWHERE...**The Rosemary District is sponsoring its first-ever neighborhood street festival on December 9 from 5 to 9 p.m. Musicians from all genres, belly dancers, jewelry makers, artists, photographers and more....The city of Sarasota will present its first Citizen's Academy, a series of hands on work shops designed to offer an insight into how our city works. For more information, call 954-2612. You may also download an application from the Neighborhood Partnership Office website, [npo.sarasotagov.com](http://npo.sarasotagov.com). The six week course begins January 12, 2006....Volunteers are needed for Sidewalk Beautification Day, Saturday, Jan. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information, call Ron or Bev Spangler at 928-3143.