

GOLDEN GATE POINT ASSOCIATION

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Carol Kopeck,

AN INVATATION TO PARTY WITH OUR ANIMALS

Join your friends and neighbors, canine and human, in a special tribute to our four-legged friends, Golden Gate Point's "Doggy" Picnic, Sunday, November 19 at 2 p.m. It will be held on the bay side of 590 Golden Gate Point, a part of the Pier 550 complex. You don't need to be a dog owner or to belong to GGP Association to come. Just bring a donation of canned, dried food or a check for the Humane Society. There will be desserts and treats for everyone. So mark your calendar now and plan to make some new friends!



ANNUAL MEETING DATE CHANGED

Due to a previous commitment at the Sarasota Yacht Club, the date of our Annual Meeting will be **January 13, 2007** instead of January 20. "We expect to go back to the third Saturday of January for the 2008 meeting," President Denise Watermeier explained. At the meeting the Golden Gate Association will elect new Board members, give the annual Beautification Award and present the latest information on our streetscape project. Board members whose terms are ending are: Denise Watermeier, Brent Parker and Gary Littlestar. There is still time to volunteer to serve on the Board. Anyone interested can send an email to Denise and return the following coupon.

I AM INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF MY COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO:

Serve on the Board Serve on a Committee Help with the Newsletter

NAME _____

GGP ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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

STREETSCAPE UPDATE

Re-capping the story: As we go to press, the city is about to sign the engineering contract to complete the design for our Streetscape. The original request for proposals was met with only one response, and the city felt it necessary to re-advertise, creating a 6 month delay. Wilson Miller Engineering and Dave Johnston, Landscape architect, are entering into a 21 page agreement which specifies in detail the project. That document was assembled by the city engineering department this summer. The City Commissioners will approve it in the next few weeks, and then Wilson Miller can proceed. The design is expected to take about 6 to 8 months, then bid and the bonds floated. We expect to construction to start in about 12 months, and to take about 6 months to complete. As the design phase progresses, several workshops will be held with the residents. In the meantime, FPL has beefed up power to GGP as a temporary measure. The city will contribute the differed street maintenance monies and funds to plant trees. Any condo that wants to repave with bricks will be able to purchase pavers to match the street while the project is underway. FPL will pay to have lines buried at no cost to the neighborhood, but we will pay the costs to be hooked up with our bond money. Verizon and Comcast will also bury their cables when the street is torn up. The bond cost will include a new entrance sign and new street lighting. The city will supervise the work. A more complete update will be presented at our Annual Meeting.

A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As the end of my term on the Board nears, I can look back with pleasure on what we have accomplished the past three years. We have opened up our meetings to the public and tried to present you with informative and enjoyable programs like our Doggy Party this November, our Picnic in the Spring and our Breakfast Meeting in the summer. We have instituted a Captains program so that every building has a voice at our meetings and we can quickly reach residents in emergencies. We have become the first neighborhood in Sarasota to vote ourselves a special tax district to beautify our street. Our plans are underway, but we need dedicated people to help bring them to fruition. New residents are moving in every day and we need to bring them into the association and keep working to make Golden Gate Point a truly golden place to live. So please consider running for the Board or serving on a committee. I guarantee you will find it as satisfying a position as you will ever have.

A PROBLEM IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

Complaints from GGP resident will receive immediate action from the City. If you see illegal parking, call Parking Enforcement at 361-6410. For any building code violations, including maintenance of private property (not cutting grass, for instance), call Code Compli-