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## 2024 Gulf Harbors

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### Gulf Harbors Civic Association

**727-848-0596**

Office Email

**GHCA@gulpharbors.com**

Office Hours

**Monday – Friday**

**9:00am to 1:00pm**

### Next General Meeting

**Thursday, January 4, 2023 @ 7:30pm**

### Board of Directors Meeting

**Meeting: January 2nd @ 7:00 pm**

**\*\*Monday before General Meeting\*\***

### Deed Restrictions Meetings

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00pm**

### Pancake Breakfast

Hosted by the GHCA Breakfast Club

**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

**8:00 to 11:30 am**

**Next Breakfast: Sunday, January 21st**

### GHCA CLUBS

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**Social Club:** Mike Rigas 412-670-0622  
**GH Shag/Swing Dance:** Doug Armstrong *ghshagswingclub@gmail.com*

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1. Proof of ownership in Gulf Harbors or long-term rental (must show a lease with 6 months+ remaining on it from the date you apply to lease the key.)
2. A current 2024 GHCA membership card.
3. A current picture ID (driver's license, passport, government issued ID, or military ID)
4. You must be 21 years of age or older.
5. A completed and signed Boat Ramp Key Holder Acceptance of Rules and Regulations and the Release and Waiver of Liability form.
6. The return of your leased 2023 GHCA Boat Ramp Key, if applicable (failure to return last year's key may result in a \$100 fine plus the security deposit and lease fee for the current year).
7. Contractors must supply a Certificate of Insurance.
8. The corresponding fee(s) paid (see below).

## **2024 FEES**

1. Security Deposit: \$10.00. This is applicable to all GHCA Boat Ramp Key applicants.

Upon return of your previously leased GHCA Boat Ramp Key, the prior year's security deposit will be used towards the current year's GHCA Boat Ramp Key lease.

2. Boat Ramp Key Lease Fees:

A. Homeowner/Long Term Renter:	\$ 40.00
B. Homeowner/Contractor:	\$500.00
C. Homeowner Advertising on AirBNB or VRBO:	\$500.00
D. Non-homeowner/Contractor:	\$750.00
E. Homeowner/Long Term Renter: One-time Ramp Opening:	\$100.00

## **Announcements**

1. Please report any misuse of the boat ramps to the GHCA Office or the Boat Ramp Supervisor, Frank Rose at 401-447-0996.
2. The GHCA boat ramp locks will be changed as of January 5, 2024. The 2024 boat ramp keys are available in the Office for lease.

## **Did You Know...**

- ★ The GHCA Library door has a new combination for 2024. To be able to access the Library after hours, the combination to the Library door is on your 2024 Membership Card.
- ★ GHCA Members may borrow chairs, tables, crutches, wheelchairs, knee scooters, etc. Call the Office to find out how to borrow these items and more.
- ★ The GHCA has two halls available to rent for all your events, birthday parties, anniversary parties, etc. GHCA Members get reduced rates. Call our Hall Director, Debbie, for information at 951-333-4396.

### **Life On The Gulf Publication**

Editor: Gina Thomas

LOTGeditor@gulpharbors.com/727-542-1316

#### **Submissions DEADLINE**

Submissions for Life on the Gulf must be submitted **by the 6<sup>th</sup> day** of the current month to be eligible for publication in the next month's issue.

Please submit your articles via email to:  
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Written articles can be in any text format.  
Pictures may be submitted separately in  
**JPEG or PNG format.**

Send Artwork or ideas for Cover Photos to  
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## From the Desk of Public Relations

On behalf of me, the Deed Restriction Committee, and the Architectural Committee, we hope you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukah, and are enjoying the holiday season.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Public Relations Director for the last 2 years, and I have agreed to continue to serve for another term. This is a wonderful neighborhood, and I will continue to do my best to help it continue to improve.

I would like to congratulate and welcome all our new neighbors to our community, and make myself available for any questions you may have. The best way to reach me is by email, at [PublicRelations@gulfharbors.com](mailto:PublicRelations@gulfharbors.com).

Until next month, and next year,  
Mitch Kobernick

## Letter to the Community

Our year-end holidays often prompt me to consider the past and the future in context. Across our wonderful community, we celebrate thanks for our many blessings – our health, our good neighbors, our community spirit – and reach out to other members who need our help. I also consider perspectives that only time reveals – how greatly our community has improved, particularly over the past few years, through new membership and leadership, and a fresh spirit of engagement and cooperation. Many of us have found ourselves more eager to participate than ever before. Looking ahead to 2024 and beyond, my fervent wish is that we all act to sustain the benefits of our positive momentum. Since our membership and nearly all of our crucial leadership roles are voluntary, that requires a special combination of vision and positive participation. We welcome every resident of Gulf Harbors to play an active role in the continuing positive progress of our Gulf Harbors Civic Association. If you're not a member, join in and discover what you've been missing. If you're a current member, celebrate our success by thanking our board members and the many other volunteers whose diligent work, even when imperfect, makes it a reality. If you perceive opportunities for improvement, speak up with constructive ideas and contribute your time and talents.

Happy New Year!

A Positive Neighbor



Check our website at [gulfharbors.com](http://gulfharbors.com) to learn about: Member info, Boat Ramps, By Laws, Deed Restrictions, GHCA, Financial and General Meeting Minutes, Hall Rental, The Library, The History of Gulf Harbors, Club Info, Events, Life on the Gulf Issues, Boating (Weather, Tide Chart, Wind Report, Fishing Info), and Contact Info.  
**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE.** Email suggestions, items, or photos to contribute to [GHCA@gulfharbors.com](mailto:GHCA@gulfharbors.com)

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\$125.00 (Annual) Per Household Due **JANUARY 1st**

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Checks are payable to GHCA. You can mail your payment to the Office, use the after-hours drop box or stop by the Office from 9 am to 1pm M-F to use your credit card (\$5 processing fee applies).

Gulf Harbors Address \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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# Gulf Harbors Carolina Shag and Swing Dance Club

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**2nd Friday of every month**  
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**Instruction 600-700 PM**  
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# Pancake Breakfast

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All You Can Eat Regular Or Blueberry Pancakes

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## Gulf Harbor Resident Artists at the Civic Center Library

### **Artist of the Month – January**

Arlene Richardson hails originally from Newburyport, MA. She began painting in oils at age 16 and has accumulated numerous awards over the years.

Arlene has been a member of Oil Painters of America since 2006 and was an Eastern Regional Finalist in 2007, held at the Weatherburn Gallery in Naples, FL.

She likes to paint things the way she sees, feels, and senses them. Arlene's work has been collected throughout New England and along the East Coast.



We are hanging the work of six Gulf Harbors artists in the Civic Center Library. The program started in November with photographer Dick Rouss as Artist of the Month. He was followed by Maria Weed in December. The other artists included are Patti Goddard, Suzanne Matthews and Gillian Graffy. To buy, or commission work, contact the artists. Information is in the Civic Center Library along with examples of each artists' work.



# Calusa Cruise Club



Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
7pm at the GHCA

October and November were busy months for the club. On Oct 8th we had 22 people and 5 boats enjoy a cookout at 3 Rooker Island. It was a little windy but everyone enjoyed themselves with lots of food. October 22nd we had 38 people participate in a pub crawl in downtown New Port Richey. We finished October with our annual Halloween party hosted by one of our club members. November started with a Blender Drink Tasting and ended with our annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

Pictures from our Annual Halloween Party  
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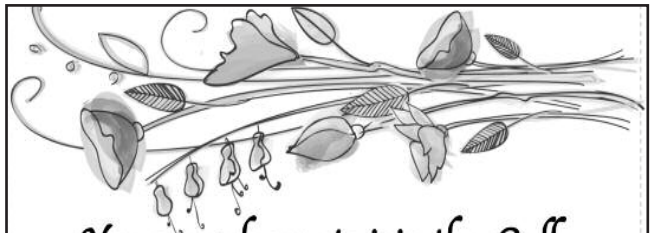
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Keep Pasco County's waterways clean by disposing of your pet waste in the trash. Violations can result in a \$150 fine.

Call 727-834-3611 to request pet waste bags. Learn more about the Pasco County ordinance in place by visiting [bit.ly/Pasco-Pet-Waste](http://bit.ly/Pasco-Pet-Waste).



You are welcome to join the Gulf Harbors Women's Club on the second and last Thursdays of each month.

What is the Gulf Harbors Women's Club? We are women of all ages that are members of the Gulf Harbors Civic Association who enjoy a variety of activities and social outings as well as doing community service together.

On Sunday, December 17th, we had a cookie sale during Pancake Breakfast. A big THANK YOU to all who made cookies, volunteered and bought cookies. On December 18th we enjoyed a holiday light cruise on the Cotee River. Also, thanks to the ladies who helped roll the LOTG on December 28th.

We will be going to the Tampa Bay Downs for lunch and the horse races on January 10th. We will be rolling the LOTG on the last Thursday, January 25th, at 11 am. Please join us!

For more information about the Women's Club, contact Deb Johnson at 571-216-5459 or [jdjohn123@aol.com](mailto:jdjohn123@aol.com).



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<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY HAPPY NEW YEAR'S TO EVERYONE</b>	<b>GHCA OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>GHCA BINGO GHCA CIVIC CENTER</b>	<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024 6PM-10PM</b>
<b>PANCAKE BREAKFAST GHCA CIVIC CENTER</b>	<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 8AM-11:30AM</b>
<b>GULF HARBORS ART GALLERY GHCA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY</b>	<b>ARTIST OF THE MONTH: ARLENE RICHARDSON</b>

## NEW PORT RICHEY AND NEARBY EVENTS

<b>TASTY TUESDAYS ORGANIC MARKET NEW PORT RICHEY PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>	<b>EVERY TUESDAY --- 9AM-1PM 5939 MAIN STREET, NPR</b>
<b>MLK DAY OF SERVICE: VOLUNTEER FAIR NPR LIBRARY, MAIN STREET, NPR</b>	<b>JANUARY 6, 2024 --- 10AM-4PM IN THE MAGNOLIA ROOM</b>
<b>27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DOWNTOWN DUNEDIN ART FESTIVAL</b>	<b>JANUARY 6 &amp; 7, 2024 --- STARTS 10AM MAIN STREET, DUNEDIN</b>
<b>FLORIDA MANATEE FESTIVAL CRYSTAL RIVER, FL</b>	<b>JANUARY 13 &amp; 14, 2024 WWW.GOMANATEEFEST.COM</b>
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<b>ART IN THE PARK PIONEER PARK</b>	<b>JANUARY 14, 2024 --- 10AM-3PM MAIN STREET, DUNEDIN, FL</b>
<b>GASPARILLA 2024 TAMPA, FL</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S GASPARILLA – JANUARY 20 GASPARILLA PIRATE FEST – JANUARY 27 WWW.GASPARILLAPIRATEFEST.COM</b>
<b>SCENES ON THE GREEN AT COACHMAN PARK MOVIE SERIES, CLEARWATER, FL</b>	<b>JANUARY 26, 2024 --- 7PM-10PM THE LITTLE MERMAID (MOVIE STARTS 8PM)</b>
<b>THURSDAY MUSICALE CONCERT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NPR</b>	<b>FREE CONCERT: FEBRUARY 1, 2024 --- 2PM DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS</b>
<b>ALL EVENTS LISTED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK THE EVENT'S WEBSITE OR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGE FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION</b>	



## Spicy Fish Soup

Happy New Year! After the holidays we all try to eat healthier and this is a delicious choice low in calories but yet very filling and perfect during our colder months.

Prep: 15 minutes cook: 17 minutes serves: 6

- 3 garlic cloves crushed
- 1 celery branch chopped
- 1 carrot chopped
- 2 Yukon gold potatoes chopped in ½ inch cubes
- 1 jalapeño chopped seeds removed
- ½ cup red bell pepper chopped
- ¼ cup cilantro chopped
- 1 tomato chopped
- ½ teaspoon salt & pepper
- 1 ½ cup chicken broth
- 3 cup fish broth or seafood broth
- 3 tablespoons Goya Sorito tomato cooking base
- 1 lb white fish (any) chopped in 1 ½ inch cubes (I used white grunts)
- 1 lb mussels
- 6 (3oz) grouper pieces
- 1 tablespoon Old bay seasoning
- 1 teaspoon Sea salt
- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- Grated Parmesan cheese
- Crusty whole grain garlic bread toasted

In a large pot set on medium high heat add first 10 ingredients. Bring to a boil and cook 5 minutes. Next add fish broth, tomato base, white fish and mussels. Bring back to a soft boil and cook an additional 7 minutes or until mussels have opened discard any mussels that have not opened.

Next season the grouper pieces with old bay seasoning and sea salt. In a frying pan heat the oil on medium high heat, add the fish and cook for 4 minutes turn and cook an additional 4 minutes. Serve soup in bowls sprinkle with parmesan cheese and top with a grouper piece. Serve with crusty garlic bread. Bon Appétit

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Mondays - 12PM • Tuesdays Men's Cards 5:30pm Women's Cards 6:00pm*



### Bunco Is The Second Tuesday!!!

In November, all the Card Club Members gathered for our Annual Holiday Dinner, Cards & Bunco Night! We had 3 very exciting roll-offs!! Come join us to get in on the FUN!!!

Bunco players always enjoy the monthly Bunco Night at 7 pm on the second Tuesday at the Gulf Harbors Civic Center.

Prizes are given out for the most wins, most buncos, most baby buncos, last bunco and most losses.

If you'd like to attend, bring your own three dice to roll, \$5 prize money and your own beverages. GHCA membership required.



### NOVEMBER'S BIG WINNERS!!

\*\*\* Most Wins—JEANI ROBINSON-19!!! \*\*\* Most Buncos—ANNETTE PHELPS-3 \*\*\*

\*\*\* Most Baby Buncos—CHERIE CHADIM-10 \*\*\* Last Bunco—A MERMAID \*\*\*

\*\*\* Most Losses—KATHY RYAN-18!! \*\*\*



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## The Boater's Corner

By Captains Bruce and Wendy Longman

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

With the passing of another year comes....you guessed it...Resolutions! Have you made a resolution to get out and do more boating this year? Promise to take a little more time for yourself, family and friends on the sandbar? We're so fortunate to live in a place with year round boating. Do you have a "Honey Do" list for your boat? If not, now is the time to take stock in your boat inventory to ensure all is ship shape. Let's start with pulling off the engine covers and spray the entire engine with anti-corrosion spray.

Check to make sure you have visual distress signals that meet both day and night use. To see specifically what's required for your length and type of vessel, visit: <https://myfwc.com/boating/safety-education/equipment/>. Check the date code on flares to see they haven't expired. If they have expired, separate them from unexpired flares and keep them as back ups for an emergency. You can also put them in the trunk of your car in case of a road side emergency as well. Please dispose of expired flares properly. Coast Guard Auxiliary will generally take them for training exercises. You can also call West Marine or the Fire Department. Flares that have been ignited and fully extinguished may be thrown in household trash.

Speaking of extinguished have you checked the gauges on your fire extinguisher lately? Don't forget to turn them upside down and shake it up to loosen up the powder.

How's that horn? It's always a good idea to have a back up because horns (like fuel gauges) have a notoriously short life span. Something as simple as a whistle will legally suffice. Air horns are a great back up, however, only if it's full!!

How are your life jackets? If there are tears, ripped seams, wear spots or mildew it's time to invest in some new ones. By law, if a life jacket or throwable has a rip or tear, it is rendered useless by the USCG. You would (at the very least) get a warning if not a fine.

First aid kits also have expiration dates on certain contents so keep an eye on them. Is yours refilled and fully stocked after it was used last summer? You don't need the kitchen sink in your kit, but a well equipped kit means the difference between a great day on the water or coming in early.

This is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. There's bilges, spare fuses and bulbs, spare docklines, checking the anchor rode, stanchions, hardware and the list goes on and on and on and on.

As always, if you have questions or would like to see a topic covered, please email [Bruce@WindsongCharters.com](mailto:Bruce@WindsongCharters.com). Wishing you and yours a wonderful and prosperous New Year with no break downs. Happy Boating!

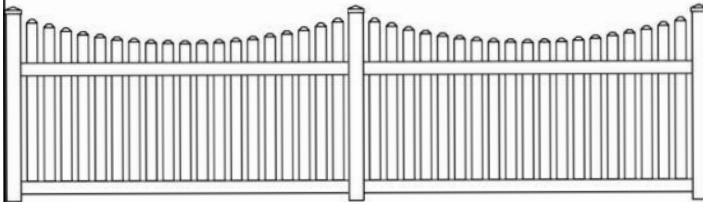
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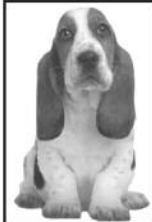


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01	GHCA OFFICE CLOSED	02	RECYCLE DAY	04	10:00 am YOGA 7:30 pm General Meeting	05		06	RENTAL EVENT
07	Coastal Life Church 9:30 am - 11:30 am	09	RECYCLE DAY	11	10:00 am YOGA 11:00 am Women's Club 7:00 pm Calusa Club	12	6:00 pm GH Shag/Swing Dance Club	13	
14	Coastal Life Church 9:30 am - 11:30 am	16	RECYCLE DAY	18	10:00 am YOGA	19	GHCA BINGO 6:00 pm - 10 pm	20	RENTAL EVENT
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## Gulf Harbors Yacht Club News

Happy New Year from the  
Gulf Harbors Yacht Club!

**Celebrate the New Year at Gulf Harbors Yacht Club!**



**Appetizer Table including:** Oysters, shrimp, pigs in the blanket, pineapple glazed chicken skewers, Bruschetta, sliced melon with prosciutto and balsamic vinegar.

**Salad:** Italian Caprese

**Entrée Choice of:** Bacon wrapped Filet Mignon, served medium rare, served on a bed of Sweet Potatoes with a mushroom, shallot burgundy sauce, twice baked potato and vegetables. Or

Grilled Veal Chop baked in a mushroom, onion sherry sauce. Served with mushroom shaped roasted potatoes and vegetables. Or

Chilean Sea Bass, pan-seared, with a tomato, cucumber, lime salsa, served on a bed of wild rice and vegetables.

**Decadent Desert Table:** Chocolate Fountain with strawberries, Macaroons, Cannoli, Italian cookies, cheesecake and more!

Entertainment by: **TECHTONIC** Dance the night away with DJ Craig!

Doors open at 8pm. \$75.00 pp for members \$85.00 for non-members. Includes Tax, Tip and Champagne toast at midnight!

The New Year season is upon us and the GHYC is preparing for our annual festivities, starting with our annual Dropping of the Anchor at our New Year's Eve celebration! Imagine getting into your finery and enjoying an off the charts NYE Celebration without having to leave the neighborhood! All good reasons to finally come check out the Gulf Harbors Yacht Club. Your soon-to-be new best friends are waiting to welcome you!

The Anchoresses Enjoy  
"White Christmas"

The Anchoresses went to the Suncoast Broadway Theater this season – but it felt we like traveled all the way to the real Broadway in New York City for this production! If you haven't experienced the Suncoast Broadway theater, you

really must give it a try if you like professional, high quality musical entertainment. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the show; the music, dancing and service was over the top. One



Anchoresse who lived near the city for years said it was the best production she'd ever seen. We laughed, cried and cheered; a

wonderful bonding experience for the women of the GHYC women's' axillary! The Anchoresses meet monthly with the mission of camaraderie and creating fun events & fundraisers to benefit our community. Come check us out on one day soon!

The GHYC says Farewell to long-time server, Sharon

Members of the GHYC gathered on December 5<sup>th</sup> to bid farewell to our long-time loyal, hardworking server, Sharon. Sharon was always ready to serve with a smile no matter



how small or large the party!  
Commodore Bill Gilmore & his wife Tamara Taylor honored Sharon with a delightful poem about her tenure fashioned after "The Night Before

Christmas" and Sharon received a beautiful Compass Star pendant to remind her of her friends at the GHYC. Our new gal Kathy has big shoes to fill for sure! Best of everything to you in your retirement Sharon!

The Club is open for Dinner on Tuesdays, Lunch and Dinner on Wednesdays, Dinner on Friday and Saturday nights. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm. New menus every week! Come check us out; we are looking forward to meeting you! **For questions about how you can become a member, call Lynn Fernandez—407-259-1912 or Rear Commodore Brian Zamorski— 813-597-8769.**

The GHYC serves up a variety of themed events throughout the year from formal events to BBQs to fundraisers to boating outings. You'll make friends for a lifetime while having the time of your life!

***There's always something good going on at the Yacht Club! For more information, visit our website at [www.gulpharborsyc.com](http://www.gulpharborsyc.com) or find us on Facebook!***





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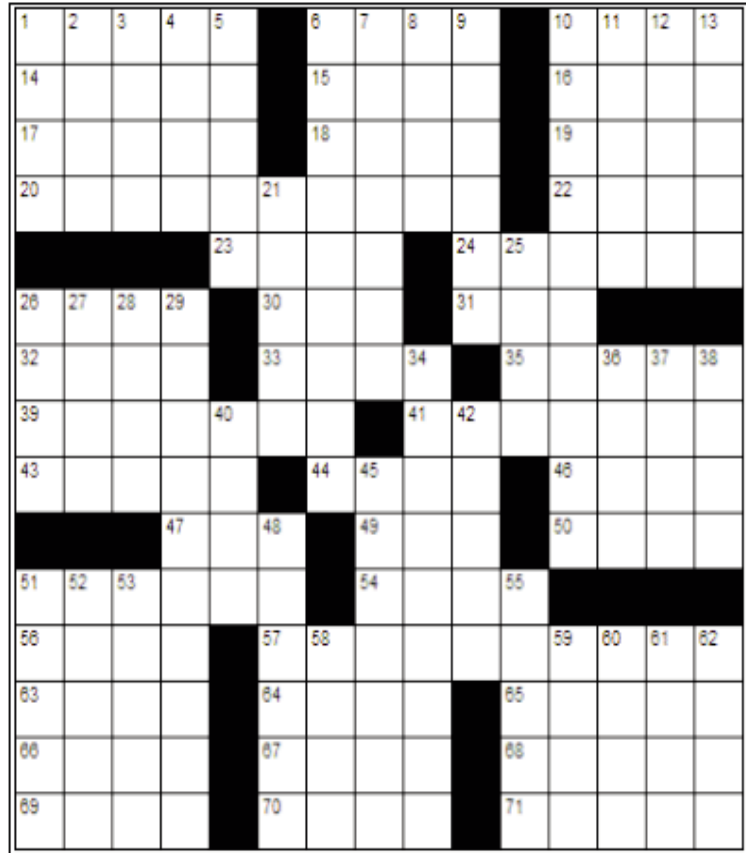
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## ACROSS

- 1. During
- 6. Hit hard
- 10. Seaweed
- 14. Insurrectionist
- 15. Bee home
- 16. Peaceful
- 17. Come up
- 18. Gulf port
- 19. Harvest
- 20. A certain genre of art
- 22. Egg-shaped
- 23. Metal used in steel
- 24. Prisoner
- 26. Ego
- 30. Amazement
- 31. Small mouthful
- 32. False god
- 33. Ocean motion
- 35. Brittle transparent solid
- 39. Healthful routine
- 41. Car or truck
- 43. Breathe noisily while asleep
- 44. Incite
- 46. Food
- 47. Foot digit
- 49. Consumer Price Index
- 50. Visual organs
- 51. Illegible writing
- 54. Lacquered metalware
- 56. Not this
- 57. Aforementioned
- 63. Hindu princess
- 64. Father
- 65. Ardent
- 66. Therefore
- 67. Slattern
- 68. Chocolate substitute
- 69. Small songbird
- 70. Otherwise
- 71. Secret meeting



## DOWN

- 1. Enclose
- 2. Protagonist
- 3. Nile bird
- 4. For fear that
- 5. Lacquer ingredient
- 6. Secretly following
- 7. Made broader
- 8. Assert
- 9. Wimbledon's sport
- 10. Confederate
- 11. Stage between egg and pupa
- 12. Malicious satisfaction
- 13. Plenty
- 21. Give a speech
- 25. Approaching
- 26. Knights
- 27. Biblical garden
- 28. Corporate image
- 29. Coquetry
- 34. Disappear
- 36. Sore
- 37. Blackthorn
- 38. Stitches
- 40. Cat sound
- 42. Ancient Roman magistrate
- 45. Tentacled devilfish
- 48. Pass by
- 51. Scatter
- 52. Small trout-like fish
- 53. Scope
- 55. Legislate
- 58. Tumble
- 59. At a distance
- 60. Like a bog
- 61. "Aeneid" figure
- 62. Amount owed

**Solution on page 10**

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Hey neighbors, this is it; the last month of 2023 and its time to say **Happy New Year!!** Our community has been alive with all kinds of festivities to warm your hearts and delight your spirit including

the Children’s Christmas party, the Lighted Boat parades, Lighted Golf Cart parades, and our first annual “Light Up Gulf Harbors” decorated house competition! It’s sparkling and bright around here and that’s how we like it! We have much to celebrate and be grateful for, we live in the greatest country in the world and have the opportunity to live our best lives in this beautiful Gulf front community of Gulf Harbors. We all have more in common than we are different; it’s those commonalties brought us here to Gulf Harbors after all! During this holiday season, may we all have a chance to take a moment and reflect on the beauty around us and how lucky and blessed each and every one of us is to live, work, and play here.

The 2023 real estate market continued its roller coaster ride for most of the year with continued strong demand in spite of the rising interest rates, insurance costs and waters! The high demand coupled with low inventory kept us in a Seller’s Market for most of the year but with the number of homes on the market increasing from just 24 last year to 41 homes Active on the market today (two years ago in Dec. 2021 there were only 13 homes for sale in Gulf Harbors, inventory has more than tripled!!). And this is the slowest time of the year for new listings as many homeowners wait until after the holidays to put their homes on the market. In fact, January is historically the month with the highest number of houses for sale overall. What will January bring? We will see! The great news for buyers is that they have a lot more choices and not as much competition among fellow buyers. The good news is that Pending sales remain consistent, there were 8 Pending Sales last year compared to 7 today! The number of homes sold is exactly the same as at this time in 2022 – 80 Sold TYD last year, and 80 Sold YTD today. Looks like our year end results will be quite consistent with 2022, now we just need to attract more buyers with our great selection of available homes! Stay tuned, we will continue to monitor and report on our real estate market in the New Year. Wishing you and yours a safe and happy holiday season! We will see you around the neighborhood!

Check out the statistics below for more “scoop” on what’s happening in the Gulf Harbors/Floramar real estate market.

#### Gulf Harbors Total Market Overview

January 01, 2023 - December 05, 2023

Price Range x\$1000	# Active Listings	# Homes w/ Contracts Pending	# Closings YTD	*Supply /Demand (Months' Supply of Inventory)	Sales Price Per Square Foot	Average Sold Price (Rounded)	List to Sales Price Ratio	Avg Days On Market Until Under Contract	# Closings in 2022	# Closings in 2021	# Closings in 2020
*0-99	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
*100-199	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	1	13
200-299	0	0	4	0	\$220	\$277,000	100%	Ave -29 Median- 17	2	8	25
300-399	3	0	16	2.1	\$271	\$355,000	98%	Ave -37 Median- 18	10	17	33
400-499	5	2	12	5	\$314	\$442,000	96%	Ave -77 Median- 54	14	31	33
500-599	6	2	8	7.2	\$361	\$539,000	97%	Ave -77 Median- 59	13	25	30
600-699	3	0	10	3.6	\$410	\$640,000	97%	Ave -44 Median-26	13	13	12
700-799	5	2	13	4	\$341	\$740,000	98%	Ave -52 Median-42	7	9	7
800-899	7	0	5	14	\$445	\$872,600	98%	Ave -70 Median -37	7	8	5
900-999	0	0	5	0	\$466	\$955,000	98%	Ave -12 Median-8	5	6	3
1M - 1.9M	9	1	7	18	\$472	\$1,388,000	95%	Ave -49 Median-14	15	7	0
*2,000,000+	3	0	0	36	\$426	\$2,300,000	96%	Ave -121 Median-121	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>\$354</b>	<b>\$641,000 (average) \$603,000 (median)</b>	<b>Ave. 97% Median 98%</b>	<b>Ave -49 Median-25</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>110</b>
N/A: NO 2023 SALES DATA											
* 2022 Stats used in Brackets with no YTD 2023 sales											
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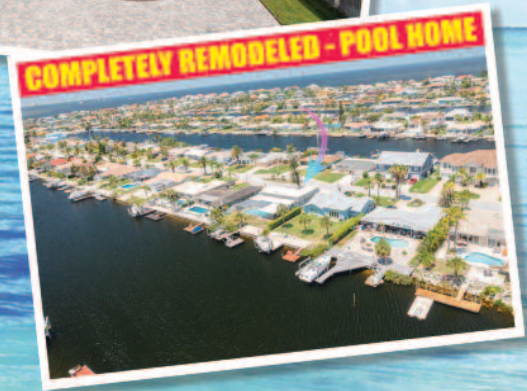
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