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Winners of 2017 Christmas Lighting Contest

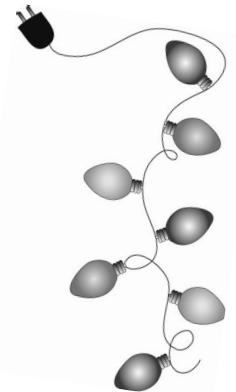
Street Winners

Akron	308
Arch	36
Barberton	32
Canton	61
Cleveland	99
Coconut	50
Cuyahoga	80
Cypress	127
Dayton	56
Ohio	68

1st Place	314 Akron
2nd Place	175 Ohio
3rd Place	44 Rubbertree



Mango	110
Palm	133
Palmetto	110
Pine Tree	67
Plumosa	50
Rubbertree	74
Springdale	107



In order to collect your prize for the Decorating contest, you must be at the February meeting and you must have paid your dues for the year of 2017.

Friday, February 23

7:00 P.M.

Pot Luck Dinner in honor of Sue Guthrie who served 12 Years as the President of The Florida Gardens Civic Association.
Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming
EVENTS

Saturday, March 17

Easter Party for the kids will be from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

Saturday, March 17

6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck Dinner at the Clubhouse.
For more information please call Sandra Dale at 432-8951.



Once again, it's time for any graduating high school seniors in Florida Gardens who may be interested in applying for the annual Florida Gardens college scholarship to start working on their application. Each year the Civic Association is proud to award one or two scholarships to college bound students from the Gardens who meet the qualifications, in recognition of their efforts and accomplishments.

In order to apply, the student must be a bona fide resident of Florida Gardens, graduating from high school in 2018 and entering college in the fall. There are a few other requirements prior to applying, which include family membership in the F.G. Civic Association for the current and previous year (member's contributions fund the scholarships), completion of 20 hours of community service to Florida Gardens, and submitting an application with supporting documents.

The absolute deadline to submit applications is April 15, 2018. We hope to hear from you, so if you're interested in applying, please contact our Scholarship Chairman, Ed Ridiolph, at 967-2197, or any officer of the Association.

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Canton	Tammy Tworek	308-9436
Cleveland	Marian and Michelle French	434-4362
Coconut	Kim Saunders	767-6183
Cuyahoga	Eric Monahan	568-767-1878
Cypress	Christi Ragsdale <i>Co- St. Rep. Needed</i>	254-4090
Dayton	Peter Gagliardi	305-345-5752
Mango	Chuck Sacher <i>Co- St. Rep. Needed</i>	433-5875
N. Ohio	MacKenzie & Cheryl Smart	586-1900
S. Ohio	Dave Finkle	644-6617
W. Palm	Penny Spring	(786) 436-2222
Palmetto	Danny Wood	722-0353
Pine Tree	<i>Street Rep. Needed</i>	
Plumosa	Sara Ridolph	967-2197
Rubbertree	Jessica Dale	432-8951
Springdale	Alanna Harman	248-3151

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Contact:
Sue Guthrie
(561) 254-5605

From The President:

As many of you already know, I have stepped down from the Presidential position of the Florida Gardens Civic Association. It has been a very good 12 years, with being able to accomplish so many improvements at the Clubhouse in order to preserve it for the neighborhood and future generations. I have met so many wonderful people in the neighborhood and I do want to thank each and every one for your support in sending in your dues and for volunteering your time to help in doing so many things that we did. Special thanks to Bill Applegate for volunteering himself, his crew, time and materials and recently replacing all ceiling tiles with smaller tiles and making the inside very beautiful. Thank you Bill and Carol.

Spencer Palmer was elected as your new President at the December 14 meeting. I do hope you will give him the support that you have given me. Spencer and his wife, Kim have lived in Florida Gardens for 19 years, so I am sure many of you have already met them and know who they are.

The Christmas Party was great and the kids had a lot of fun with Santa and their projects they were given and their gifts and snacks. Sandra Dale and Marian French worked very hard at putting the party together for the kids.

Thank you to all the workers who were there on Friday night to set up the Christmas party. They were: Tim Carpenter, Terry Crosby, Aubrey and Sandra Dale, Marian, Michelle and Steven French, Savannah McCray, Racheal and Fran Phiester, Gary Oliwa and Hailey Smallwood and after the party on Saturday many of the adults pitched in to take all the decorations down and do the cleanup.

We also want to thank Captain John Conrad, Gregg Bouyoucas, the driver, and Fire Fighter, Traci Moore, who came from Fire Station #32 to help lead the parade through the neighborhood and by sounding their sirens so people would know we were headed their way. Thank you to all of you for taking your time to help us have a great day. They also made sure Santa arrived on time at the Clubhouse. A big Thank you to Santa.

There were a few who rode on the wagon with Santa in the parade and they also had a good time, as well as so many Golf Carts, so beautifully decorated. Everyone did have a great day.

Thank you to each and everyone who sent in your 2017 dues/donations. With the money we receive we pay all regular bills, have the Parties for the children, make any repairs that are needed and maintain and make improvements to the Clubhouse as needed. We also present two \$1000.00 Scholarships to well deserving Students. Everyone who lives in Florida Gardens is a Member of the Neighborhood. There is a coupon and an envelope to put it in with your dues for the year 2018 in this Newsletter and we will put the coupon and envelope in the next two letters. If your dues are paid by April 15, 2018, you are eligible to rent the clubhouse at the reduced member rate. The rate for Florida Gardens Residents is still \$200.00 per rental and the security deposit will now be \$200.00. Outside rentals will increase to \$1000.00 per rental with a \$500.00 deposit. Hopefully this will deter some of the undesirables from renting our Clubhouse. Sunday Rentals are from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M only.

The new board was elected at the December meeting. President is Spencer Palmer, 1st Vice President is Kim Kahant, 2nd Vice President is Gary Oliwa, Treasurer is Christine Jensen, and Angela Bermudez is the new Secretary. Sandra and Jessica Dale will be overseeing all of the Children's parties for the upcoming year.

Just a reminder, there are a lot of you who are walking your dogs and letting them go in other people's yards and not cleaning up after your pets, which is your job. We have children and people out there walking and it is not healthy for them to walk into that. Please take your neighbors into consideration and clean up after your pet.

Our Condolences to the Wife, Mary Stephenson, Daughters Karen, Diane and Lisa, Son John and the Grandchildren, of John Stephenson, who passed away on December 12, 2017. John will be missed by all who knew and loved him. "Our Love and Prayers are with all of you."

From the Incoming President:

We would like to thank Sue Guthrie for her 12 years of service and dedication to our neighborhood as our Florida Gardens Association President.

New Year's Eve Party!

The New Years Eve Party was a great hit. There was plenty of great food and fun. We all socialized and played games and of course we ate again... The new TV worked out great to watch the ball drop at midnight.

Thanks to Sandra and Jessica Dale for putting this altogether. Also thanks to all who came and helped us set up for the party that night.



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