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**JUST DAYS
AWAY**

IT'S BACK !

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KIDS EASTER PARTY AND EGG HUNT



SATURDAY, APRIL 9th



THE FUN STARTS PROMPTLY AT 10:00

EASTER BUNNY MEET-AND-GREET

HAVE YOUR PHOTO TAKEN WITH THE EASTER BUNNY



BOUNCE HOUSE



**REFRESHMENTS
FOR THE KIDS**



**PLEASE NOTE : THESE KIDS EVENTS CAN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS!
SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS THE EVENING BEFORE
AND AT THE EVENT. STUDENTS CAN GET THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS.**

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UPDATED 3/15/22

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From the President

By Mike Misko

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their 2022 contributions so far. This money goes to run the Clubhouse, have fun Neighborhood events for the children, create the Neighborhood Newsletters and fund our annual Scholarship Awards.

Mark your calendars for the Children's Easter Party which will be held on April 9, 2022, beginning at 10:00am to Noon. If you would like to volunteer to help set up for the Easter party, please be at the Clubhouse Friday night April 8 at 6:00 and/or Saturday at 9:00am. To any high school students needing community service hours, we could use your help setting up and working the event. Please call Kimberly at (561) 762-4356.

Thank you to the new Street Representatives that have volunteered their time to hand out the Newsletters and represent their street.

*Pat Buckley / Barberton

*Christie Bankes/ Springdale

*Amanda Olmstead / Cypress

Our next Residents Meeting at the Clubhouse will be April 14 at 8:00 P.M. Please mark your calendars and come join us. We would love to have you.

THE WAY IT WAS

Photo of the first house to be constructed in Florida Gardens.

152 Akron Road

Photo taken May 1955



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Residents Meetings

All adult residents in Florida Gardens are Members of the Florida Gardens Civic Association. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month except July and August. All regularly scheduled meetings are held at 8:00 pm in the Clubhouse. Attendance by the Board of Directors is mandatory, but all residents are encouraged to attend. Mark your calendar for the next three scheduled meeting dates which are April 14th, May 12th and June 9th. There are no meetings in July or August.

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STARTS APRIL 19TH
@ 7:00 p.m.



INTRODUCING



STARTS APRIL 19TH
@ 7:00 p.m.



Hi neighbors. We are starting an Adult-only Game Night at the Florida Gardens Clubhouse for those 21 and over. The first game night will be Tuesday April 19th at 7pm. We are going to start having these once a month, the third Tuesday of every month, and if the attendance grows then we will look to have them twice a month. We will also revisit the start time if needed. The idea is to make this as welcoming and open to everyone as possible. We are going to set up a few tables and have some games available. If you would like to bring your own games, please do so. We will have Rummikub games going amongst others. This will be a great time to come hang out/meet Florida Gardens neighbors whether or not you want to play. To get a sense of who is going to come and what games people would like to play, you can email FloridaGardensEvents@gmail.com. Please feel free to reach out with any questions, thoughts or suggestions. We hope to see you there!

Thank you.

Brian Katz, 2nd Vice President and Adult Event Coordinator.

HIRE A NEIGHBORHOOD CONTRACTOR

by Brian Katz, 2nd Vice President

Hi neighbors. In the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors, and as I always see people asking for recommendations for a contractor, a plumber, a pet sitter, etc., I am creating a local listing of businesses that are owned by Florida Gardens residents. I am still working out the details as to how this list will be shared, but I want to start collecting the names and contact info now. I have created an email to be used, FloridaGardensBusinesses@gmail.com.

If you would like to have your business listed, please email me your name, home address so I can verify you are a Florida Gardens Resident, your business name and type of business and I will add it to the list. I will not be verifying any licenses, certifications or insurance of the business/contractor, that is still up to you to find out those details. In the meantime, as we figure out how to best have this information available, you can always send an email to this email address, and I can send you the list.

Any questions, ideas or suggestions please share them with me at this email address as well.

Thank you.

LUCERNE LAKES GOLF COURSE CONVERSION UPDATE

by Gary Oliwa

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the battle against the conversion of the Lucerne Lakes Golf Course to houses is continuing in court. As of this writing, not much has changed, with both sides still submitting the necessary documents to the court before a hearing can take place. The Lucerne Lakes community continues to struggle to raise the necessary funds to support the legal team. To support their fund raising efforts, they have set up a GoFundMe page. The link to that page is

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/Enviromental-Preservation> [Copy the (incorrect) spelling exactly as shown]



APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING!

A reminder to any graduating high school senior in Florida Gardens who may be interested in applying for the annual Florida Gardens Scholarship Award to submit their application by April 15th. Each year, the Civic Association is proud to award one or two scholarships to college or tech school-bound students from Florida 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 2022, and entering college or tech school in the fall. There are a few other requirements prior to applying, which include family member contributions to the Association in the current and previous year, 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 15th. We hope to hear from you, so if you're interested in applying please phone our Scholarship Coordinator, Sandra Dale, at 561-432-8951 or email to davidsdale@bellsouth.net.



Submitted by Angie Bermudez

Marie E. Hunsecker 85, passed away on January 6th. She was the wife of the late George E. Hunsecker. The Hunseckers were long-time Florida Gardens residents who raised their family here and lived on Ohio Road. George was a bricklayer by trade and helped in the construction of several of the early houses in our community. Our condolences to the Hunsecker family.

Also, our condolences to siblings Joan and Al Harrison on the passing of their sister, Rita Marie, age 77, on March 1st in Pennsylvania.



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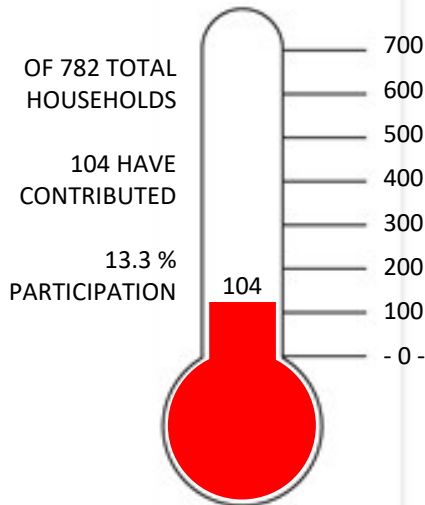
FOR INFORMATION ON RENTING THE CLUBHOUSE, FIRST VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.floridagardens.net AND CLICK ON THE CLUBHOUSE TAB. THEN CALL TERRY AT 968-9970 TO SCHEDULE YOUR EVENT.

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NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATUS



In the January Newsletter, we kicked off our annual contribution drive. We detailed how your contributions fund the various community activities and children’s holiday parties. We asked that you check with your friends that live in HOA communities and see what they pay annually in mandatory HOA dues and what they receive in return. We also have a safe, simple method to make a contribution online through our website or even on your phone if you have the Venmo app if a mailed check is too inconvenient.

As of March 10th, only 104 of our 782 households in Florida Gardens have recognized the need for their involvement and have been generous enough to contribute. Most have contributed \$50. Some have contributed more. To everyone who has contributed thus far, we say THANK YOU!

In this Newsletter, we are again including an insert with simple instructions on how to use our website to make your contribution online, and a contribution coupon and mailing envelope for those of you who like to contribute by check. All contributions received, regardless of the receipt date, are for the calendar year in which they are received. The Association fiscal year runs from Jan 1st to Dec 31st.

Please consider what this great community has to offer and make a donation to help keep our activities funded.

REMINDER : We have several ways to contribute. You can make your annual contribution to the Florida Gardens Civic Association by check using the enclosed mailing envelope. You can use any credit card online from our website (floridagardens.net). Simply select “CONTRIBUTE” from the main menu and follow the directions. Finally, new this year, you can also pay using Venmo. Enter @Floridagardensca as payee. If prompted, use 0541 as the last 4 digits of the payee phone.

As of March 10th, the percentage of households by street who have contributed this year is as follows.

Mango	9/42	21.4%	Rubber Tree	6/46	13.0%
Canton	7/33	21.2%	Barberton	4/34	11.8%
Cleveland	7/34	20.6%	Pine Tree	5/44	11.4%
Cypress	8/44	18.2%	Dayton	4/36	11.1%
Palm	8/44	18.2%	Ohio (N & S)	8/79	10.1%
Coconut	7/44	15.9%	Arch (E & W)	6/66	9.1%
Cuyahoga	6/38	15.8%	Akron (N & S)	6/79	7.6%
Plumosa (E & W)	6/42	14.3%	Springdale	1/31	3.2%
Palmetto	6/46	13.0%			

NEXTDOOR and FACEBOOK - Our Neighborhood Social Media Sites

Use Nextdoor and Facebook to keep up with day-to-day happenings in our community as well as the communities around us. If you have a Facebook account, check out our page at “Florida Gardens Civic Association”. Make sure you’re on the “Community” page.

For Nextdoor, if you’re not already connected, go to nextdoor.com and join. It’s FREE. You can connect thru the Nextdoor website or download the Nextdoor App to your mobile device. There are many options you can use to tailor your view of Nextdoor content. There have also been several articles in past Newsletters on this topic. See the Newsletter Articles Index on our Florida Gardens website.

FLORIDA GARDENS CRIME REPORT
01/01/22-02/28/22

Compiled by Sue Guthrie

	AKRON	BARBERTON	CLEVELAND	CUYAHOGA	DAYTON	OHIO	PALMETTO	PLUMOSA	SPRINGDALE					
	ARCH	CANTON	COCONUT	CYPRESS	MANGO	PALM	PINE TREE	RUBBER TREE	LK WORTH RD					
Burglary of Vehicle						1								
Open Door	1													
Business Check	1	1				11			1					
Assist to Another Dept		1												
Resident Check	14	1	5	3	1	1	9	33	1	1	1	2	7	5
Domestic/Civil	1					2						2		
Theft/Larceny		1												
Neighbor Trouble														
Police Serv. Call Info	1	2												1
Noise		1			1								2	
Welfare Check								1						
Residential Burglary Suspicious Person													1	1
Vandalism							1							
Call on Animal Information	1						1						1	
ManDown/ Sick Person						1								
Suspicious Vehicle and Incident				1				2						1
Conduct Check														
Juvenile Trouble							1							

RECIPE OF THE MONTH (HAVEN'T DONE ONE OF THESE IN A WHILE)

APPLE-WALNUT PORK TENDERLOIN

Submitted by Angie Bermudez

1-1/2 lbs pork tenderloin	1 large garlic clove	1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped walnuts	1 tablespoon olive oil	1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 cup chopped apples	2 tablespoons margarine	2 tablespoons flour
1 cup bread cubes	2 teaspoons lemon juice	sour cream, if desired
1/2 cup chopped onion	1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves	

Split the tenderloin lengthwise, but not completely through. Flatten meat and rub with garlic. Place in a roasting pan. Mince the garlic clove. In a skillet, heat margarine. Saute onion and garlic. Stir in walnuts, bread cubes, apples, thyme, salt and pepper. Stuff tenderloin with mixture. Tie with string or skewer. Any leftover stuffing can be spooned around the pork in the roasting pan. Rub pork with oil and lemon juice. Place in pre-heated 450-degree oven. Turn heat down to 325-degrees and bake for 3/4 to 1 hour. Check meat for tenderness. Make pan gravy by blending flour into 2 tablespoons of drippings in pan. Stir in enough water or broth to make about 1 cup gravy. Stir in a little sour cream, if desired. Serve with vegetable of choice.



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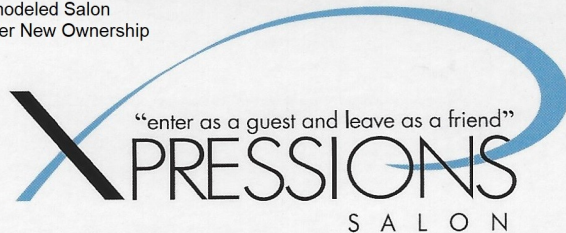


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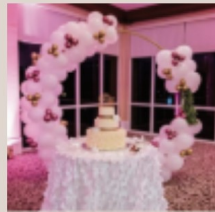
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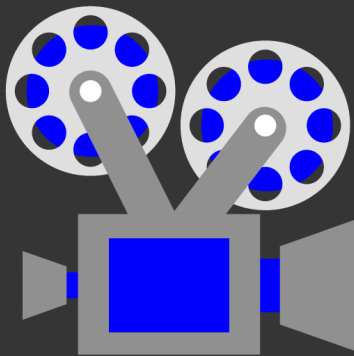
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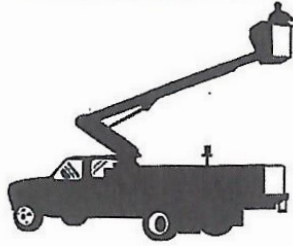
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