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HAPPY NEW YEAR



OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AND TOY DRIVE

DAY AND NIGHT GOLF CART PARADES

- PLUS -

HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST

NEW YEAR'S EVE ADULT SOCIAL

SEE INSIDE FOR ALL THE DETAILS

HALLOWEEN EVENTS PHOTOS

GO TO OUR WEBSITE - www.floridagardens.net AND SELECT THE PHOTO GALLERY TAB FROM THE TOP MENU TO SEE PHOTOS OF ALL OUR GREAT 2019 HALLOWEEN EVENTS

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From the President

By Spencer Palmer

Hello and Thank You All for taking the time to read our newsletter.

I hope everyone is ready for the cooler weather and the upcoming Holidays.

First off , I would like to thank all of our Committee members, street representatives and all our other volunteers that help make our neighborhood one of the best and most desirable places to live. It was nice to see at our November meeting some new neighbors attending the meeting. It is still hard for me to believe that we have over 750 homes and still only have a handful of the same volunteers to help make this community what it is. I am asking and pleading with the neighbors of Florida Gardens to please step up and help make our community even better. One or two hours a month from our neighbors makes a big difference for our neighborhood.

Elections are coming up at the December 12th meeting. If you are interested in running for any of the Officer positions, now is the time to let us know. We would like to have an idea who is running before the election and not at the last minute. We would really like to have some new blood and fresh ideas, so come and join your neighbors to make Florida Gardens even better. Here are the elected positions up for grabs:

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer (paid position)

Non-elected position:

Clubhouse Manger (paid position). This position is an interviewed position and has a 1-year contract, so if interested, please let me know.

Thank You all so very much for caring about your neighborhood!!!

Remember, Drive through your neighborhood like your kids are playing there.

Hoping to see you at the next meeting on 12/12/19 @ 8pm in the clubhouse at 134 Ohio Rd.

Thank You!!

Spencer Palmer

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT — FGCA Officers Election

Per our Association By-Laws, the election of our five Officers for the following calendar year will be held at the regularly scheduled Association meeting on Thursday, December 12th at 8:00 pm in the Clubhouse. To become an Officer, an individual must be a Member of the Association but need not be a member of the current voting Board of Directors. For each Officer election, nominations will be made from the floor immediately prior to that Officer election. Individuals may nominate themselves. If you are interested in being considered for any of the Officer positions, consult the Association By-Laws posted on our website for information on the various duties and expectations.

Upcoming Association 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. The meeting dates for the next three months are December 12th, January 9th and February 13th.

SPECIAL 2019 CHRISTMAS EVENTS DETAILS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - If you would be willing to volunteer to help with event set-up, chaperone or clean-up, please call Marian French 561-762-3222 ; Kimberly Serio 561-762-4356 or Kim Kahant 561-967-4940.
Set-up is Friday, December 13th at 6:30 pm.

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY and TOY DRIVE

Our annual Kids Christmas Party for the residents of Florida Gardens will take place this year on Saturday, December 14th. The Party will begin PROMPTLY at 10:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Be there on time to see Santa's arrival. Free drinks and snacks will be provided.



IMPORTANT: If you want your child to receive a gift from Santa, please have it wrapped, tagged with the child's first and last name and delivered to the Clubhouse either Friday night between 6:30 and 7:30 or early Saturday morning before the party.

TOY DRIVE : We are asking everyone in the community to donate a toy for a needy child. Please bring an UNWRAPPED toy to the Clubhouse on that Friday night or early Saturday morning. Collected toys will be given to Toys for Tots.

CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADES (Day & Night)

Following the Kids Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14th, we will have our annual Christmas Golf Cart Parade beginning at 1:00 p.m. If you have a decorated cart, please join in the fun. Golf carts only, please. The parade route will be posted on Nextdoor.com. There will also be a night-time cart parade for lighted carts starting at 7:00 p.m.



SAFETY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We need a few safety volunteers to block traffic at the Akron and Ohio Road entrances as the parade passes. Contact Spencer Palmer at 561-649-9770 or email floridagardensca@gmail.com to volunteer and keep our parade safe.

ANNUAL FLORIDA GARDENS CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

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IMPORTANT NOTE—To encourage more residents to participate, those who won cash prizes for their great displays last year are ineligible for recognition this year.

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Once again, judges will select the three overall best decorated houses as well as three overall honorable mentions. Plus, the best house on each street (exclusive of any overall winner on the same street) will be selected. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top 3 overall presentations.

1st Place - \$300 / 2nd Place - \$150 / 3rd Place - \$50

Judging will take place the nights of Thursday, December 19th and Friday, December 20th, from 7:00 –9:00 pm.



ADULT NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

We have once again reserved the Clubhouse for a New Year's Eve Party on Tuesday evening, December 31st, starting at 9:00 p.m. This will be an adult pot-luck BYOB affair. Come and ring in the New Year with your neighbors as we watch the ball drop in Times Square.

HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS



Congratulations to the winners of this year's Halloween Decorating Contest that was again sponsored by Able Plumbing. See photos of all the winners on our website (www.floridagardens.net)

First Place -	50 Coconut
Second Place -	175 Ohio
Third Place -	117 Dayton
Honorable Mention -	55 Coconut
	91 Palmetto
	85 Palmetto

Those who won cash prizes for their great displays last year were ineligible for cash prizes this year. Also, a number of houses were not illuminated on the night of judging and therefore did not receive full consideration.

SHOULD WE DISBAND THE FGCA?

By Gary Oliwa

The Florida Gardens Civic Association (FGCA) was formed in 1969. It is a volunteer organization and was chartered with control of the neighborhood Clubhouse that had been built by the Florida Gardens developer, Karl Beachler. As stipulated in the Clubhouse property deed, should the FGCA no longer be an active entity, ownership of the Clubhouse and property will revert back to the Beachler estate to do with as they wish.

"Back in the day..." as they say, the Clubhouse was an active part of the Florida Gardens lifestyle. Besides being available for residents to use for personal events, it was used for many community activities as well. However, history records clearly show that the fundamental problem of lack of committed volunteers to run the organization and support the neighborhood activities has existed since the organization's inception. Over time, the problem has just gotten worse. Street reps now are almost impossible to recruit, even though the extent of their involvement might be as little as attending a monthly meeting and getting the Newsletters delivered 5 times per year. Our volunteer officers are saddled with the majority of the day-to-day tasks. Residents to this day, despite all the social media postings, still seem to think the FGCA is an HOA and therefore responsible for getting things done around the neighborhood. It's NOT. There are no property restrictions or regulations except those imposed and enforced directly by Palm Beach County government officials.

It is only through the hard work and dedication of a select few over the years that the FGCA organization has managed to survive and continue to provide the benefits the organization was intended to provide, namely community activities and the management of the use of the Clubhouse. However, it may be time to admit that in today's world, most people just don't have the time, energy or inclination to help at a neighborhood level any more. Sure, they enjoy and appreciate the few family activities we can put together, as long as it's someone else who does the majority of the work. Pleas for people to step-up and pitch in on more than just an occasional and haphazard occurrence have been made numerous times through the years, with minimal results. There are too few active, committed and reliable volunteers. Therefore, perhaps it's time we at least entertained the unpleasant idea of disbanding the FGCA, closing the Clubhouse and turning the property back to the Beachler estate. It would be a great loss for the community, but times change, things change and people change. Maybe the time has come for Florida Gardens to change too.

FLORIDA GARDENS CRIME REPORT

09/01/19-10/31/19

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						
Vehicle Stop	1	1					1								
Burglary of Vehicle			1												
Assault						1									
Animal Call	1				1										
Resident Check	19	3	3	5	3	4	4	21	4	2	2	4	3	4	3
Domestic / Civil	1	1	1				2								
Neighbor Trouble	1														
Alarm			1				1								
Police Serv. Call Info		1													
Lew d Acts								1							
Welfare Check									1						
Conduct Check	2														
Suspicious Incident/Person		1	1	2			1							1	
Vandalism									2				1		
Abuse			1				1								
Serve Civil Process			1				1								
Suspicious Vehicle	1		1				1		1						
Warrants Served		1		1											
Man Dow n Sick							1								
Contact	1						1					1			
Noise				1					1						

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Special Holiday Submission



QUICK AND EASY PRETZEL TURTLES

Mini pretzels, chocolate-covered caramel candies and pecans make up this delicious treat.

Ingredients:

Equal quantities of

- Mini pretzels
- Chocolate-covered caramel candies (Rollo's work great)
- Pecan halves

Directions:

Preheat oven to 300-degrees F.

Arrange the pretzels in a single layer on a parchment-lined cookie sheet.

Place one chocolate-covered caramel candy on each pretzel.

Bake for 4 minutes.

While the candy is warm, press a pecan half onto each candy-covered pretzel.

Cool completely and store in an air-tight container.

NEXTDOOR - Our Neighborhood Social Media Site

Use Nextdoor to keep up with day-to-day happenings in our community as well as the communities around us. As of October 31st, we have 478 households signed on. If you're not already 'connected', go to www.floridagardensfl.nextdoor.com and join. It's FREE.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT?

If anyone is interested in organizing a neighborhood Cornhole Tournament this spring, please contact Spencer Palmer at 561-649-9770.



MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SEND US YOUR THOUGHTS :

This is your community newsletter. We'd like to get your feedback. Tell us what you like / don't like about it, how we can improve it, etc. Please give us your input.

SUBMIT AN ARTICLE FOR PUBLICATION :

If you have a topic that might be of interest to the community, write a short newsletter article and submit it. Any file format is acceptable.

MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT :

Want to share a milestone such as a special birthday, anniversary, family addition, graduation, offer congratulations, etc.? Submit it to the community newsletter.

SHARE A RECIPE :

Want to share a special recipe? Submit your favorite recipe for your neighbors to enjoy!

HOW TO DO IT :

Submit your newsletter input via email to goliwagmo@aol.com and put "Newsletter Submission" in the Subject line. The source of all submissions will be published. The submission deadline for inclusion in the January newsletter will be Friday, January 11th.

DISCLAIMER :

This is a community newsletter. Any submitted content will be edited for appropriateness and we reserve the right to deny the publication of any content deemed offensive or not in the best interest of the community or the Florida Gardens Civic Association.

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There will be no Bazaar in January

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st 8:30 am and 10:00 am	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm	ANNUAL HAYRIDE AND BONFIRE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd 8:30 am and 10:00 am	CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24th 7:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY


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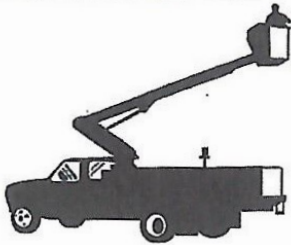
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