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From the President

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 it can be. 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.

We are looking for a Street Rep for Cypress. If interested please let me know.

Officer elections are coming up at the December 13th 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. 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 12/13/18 @ 8pm in the clubhouse at 134 Ohio Rd.

Spencer Palmer

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 13th, January 10th and February 14th.

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 13th 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.

SPECIAL 2018 CHRISTMAS EVENTS DETAILS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - If you would be willing to volunteer to help with event set-up, chaperone or clean-up, please contact Jessica Dale at (561) 432-8951 or email her at: jess.dale423@gmail.com



KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY and TOY DRIVE

Saturday, December 15th. The annual Kids Christmas Party will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse. 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 or early Saturday morning before the party. Free drinks and snacks will be provided.

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 15th, we will have our annual Christmas Golf Cart Parade beginning at 1:00 pm. If you have a decorated cart, please join in the fun. The parade route will be the same as that followed during the Halloween parade. There will also be a night-time cart parade starting at 7:00 p.m.



NIGHT SAFETY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - If you have a golf cart that is equipped for safe

night driving and you will not be participating in the night parade, we need a few safety volunteers to block traffic at intersections as the parade passes. Safety vests and flashlights will be provided. Contact Gary Oliwa at 561-876-6415 or goliwagmo@aol.com to volunteer and keep our night parade safe.

ANNUAL FLORIDA GARDENS CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST



A NEIGHBORHOOD TRADITION FOR OVER 35 YEARS SPONSORED THIS YEAR BY ABLE PLUMBING

This year, 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 20th and Friday, December 21st, from 7:00 –10:00 pm.

ADULT NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Monday, December 31st, starting at 9:00 pm. This will be an adult pot-luck affair. Come and ring in the New Year with your neighbors as we watch the ball drop in Times Square.

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! WE HAVE TWO THIS MONTH!

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.



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.

'SHARE A RECIPE' Submitted by Tina Intoppa Quick and Healthy LEMON-GARLIC SHRIMP

1 to 1-1/2 lbs shelled and deveined shrimp

2 cloves fresh garlic, minced

1-1/2 Tablespoons olive oil

1/8-1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, depending on how spicy you like your food.

Juice of 1 medium lemon

Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Heat a skillet and cook over medium heat until done.



HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS



First Place - 115 Palmetto Road Second Place - 236 Ohio Road Third Place - 217 Ohio Road Honorable Mention - 61 Canton Road 117 Dayton Road 253 Ohio Road

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.

Getting the most out of 'Nextdoor'.

Settings to make it do what YOU want.

The 'Nextdoor' app is a useful tool for keeping up to date with the happenings in our neighborhood as well as those communities in our immediate area. Did you know that you can tailor your settings and preferences to receive only the content you want? For example, you may notice that there are posts from several surrounding communities (actually, there are currently 37 other 'connected' communities). But let's say you don't want to see posts from some (or even all) of these surrounding communities. You can turn off any community you don't wish to see any posts from. When you are logged in to your Nextdoor account, click on the 'Map' link - where that is located depends on whether you're viewing on a computer or smartphone. On a computer, it's on the left side. On a smartphone, it's inside the drop-down menu, usually on the right. Once you find the 'Map' link, it will bring up a map of our neighborhood that shows which properties are members. In the lower left, you will see [+][-] boxes. Click on the [-] box repeatedly. Each click zooms you out further. As you zoom out far enough to see surrounding communities, a dialog box will also appear listing each of the neighborhoods with an option to turn posts from that neighborhood On or Off (they're all On by default). Select which communities you do not want posts from by clicking to the right of the 'On' button. You can even turn off all of them with a single selection at the bottom of the list. Like most things, there are trade-offs. If you turn off a community, you won't get ANY posts from them, including urgent alerts. It's up to you. There are lots of preference settings to help make Nextdoor a useful tool tailored to your needs. Explore and experiment with them.

The Top Three Ways to Stop Cybercriminals

Submitted by Chris Jenson

The following is an excerpt from an article that appeared in the September AARP Magazine, written by Doug Shadel, Director of AARP's Washington state office. Doug has written on fraud for over 20 years.

THE TOP THREE WAYS TO STOP CYBERCRIMINALS

1. FREEZE YOUR CREDIT. "The number one piece of advice is to place a security freeze on all your accounts with the three major credit reporting agencies" says Paul Stephens of the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse. The reason: it is the best way to stop ID thieves from opening new accounts in your name. Yet, an AARP study found that just 14 percent of the adults have ever done this. For a detailed guide to the process, go to aarp.org/creditfreeze. [Editor's Note - Thanks to a recent law, placing a freeze on your credit with each of the three reporting agencies is FREE.]

2. MONITOR YOUR ACCOUNTS. Register for online access to every financial account you have (bank accounts, credit cards, 401(k)'s and so on). Then check each one weekly. Also, consider setting up alerts on your major accounts so that any time there is activity, you are sent a text message. Most companies will do this for free and allow you to set a dollar threshold. (Set credit cards you use infrequently to zero so that every time there is activity, you get a text.)

3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER. These digital services store all your passwords in a secure online vault. You'll never lose a passord again. They'll generate complex, hard to hack passwords for each of your accounts and often they will notify you of data breaches at companies you have accounts with. That allows you to quickly change the password for that account, protecting your information.



By Gary Oliwa

FLORIDA GARDENS CRIME REPORT								09/01/18-10/31/18						Compiled by Sue Boyd Guthrie						
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Alarm	1		3																	
Abuse																				
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Domestic / Civil	1				1	1														
Missing Person																				
Neighbor Trouble						1								3						
Police Serv. Call Info				1					1	1	3									
Stolen Vehicle Tag	9	1																		
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Person Vandal / Theft / Trespass				1																
Conduct Check						2		1												
Motor Vehicle Crash				1				1			1					1				
Crash Suspicious Vehicle									1			1					1			
Hit and Run																	1			
Fraud		1									2									
Hang Up Call		1	2					1			1		1							
Animal Call		1		1																

'Share a Recipe' #2 - Special Holiday Submission by Dayna Nystrom

Saltine Cracker Crunch Office Treat Hit! You w

Office Treat Hit! You will be most popular this holiday season!

Ingredients:

- 1 Sleeve Saltine Crackers (name brand recommended as they are less likely to crumble)
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 package semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees
- 2. Line a rimmed baking sheet with heavy duty foil
- 3. Lay crackers evenly over foil, salted side up.
- 4. In a small saucepan, bring butter and sugar to a low boil over medium hear, stirring frequently. Let boil for 3 minutes without stirring (set your timer, do not over cook)
- 5. Remove from heat and immediately pour over crackers, smoothing out with the back of a spoon
- 6. Place in oven for 5 minutes
- 7. Sprinkle chocolate chips on top and let sit in oven for a minute to soften the chips
- 8. Use back of spoon, or spatula, to spread melting chips evenly
- 9. Place in fridge/freezer for 1-2 hours until hard
- 10. Remove from foil and break into pieces

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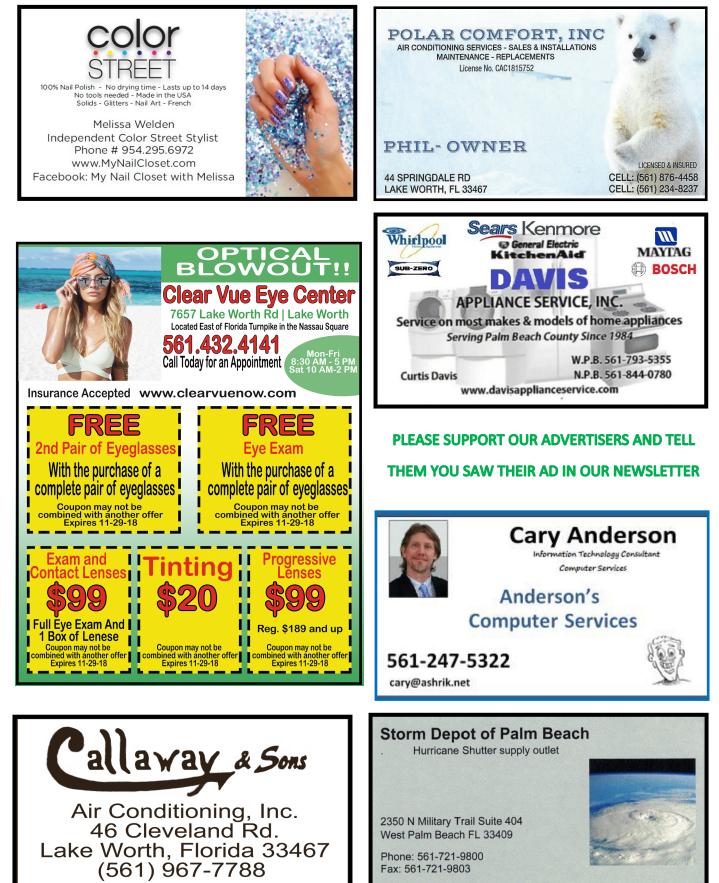
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