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MARK THE DATE NOVEMBER 23rd

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NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDSGIVING

DETAILS ARE SHOWN ON PAGE 3

Watch for any updated information on our Social Media pages.



KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY & TOY DRIVE

PROMPTLY AT 10:00 AM. SEE PAGE 3

DAY & NIGHT GOLF CART PARADES

SEE PAGE 3 & THE PARADE ROUTE MAP ON PAGE 4

ALSO IN DECEMBER: HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST & CHRISTMAS EVE LUMINARIES



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ANNUAL FLORIDA GARDENS CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

A NEIGHBORHOOD TRADITION FOR OVER 35 YEARS

Judging on SUNDAY, December 22nd from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

NOTE - To encourage more residents to participate, those who won cash prizes for their great displays in last year's contest are ineligible for cash prizes this year.

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As in previous years, judges will select the 6 best community-wide holiday décor presentations. Plus, the best house on each street (exclusive of any overall winner on the same street) will be selected by each Street Rep.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three, with honorable mention to the rest. 1st Place - \$300 / 2nd Place - \$150 / 3rd Place - \$50 To allow all our residents to put up last minute decorations, judging will not take place until the night of SUNDAY, December 22nd, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Signs will be placed in the winning yards on Christmas Eve.



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Follow the happenings in Florida Gardens through our Social Media postings : Join Nextdoor : Sign up at nextdoor.com On Facebook @ Florida Gardens Civic Association On Instagram @ fla_gardens_civic_association CHECK OUT THE FLORIDA GARDENS WEBSITE AT floridagardens.net

Upcoming Residents Meetings

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month except July and August, at 8:00 pm in the Clubhouse. All residents are encouraged to attend. The next scheduled meetings are December 12th, January 9th and February 13th.

Election of 2025 FGCA Officers

As required in the Association By-Laws, the election of the Association Officers for next year will occur at the end of the upcoming December 12th meeting.



<u>NEIGHBORHOOD 'FRIENDSGIVING'</u>

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd 10 am - 3 pm RAIN-OR-SHINE This is the only Newsletter before this event, so please monitor our Social Media sites for any updates.

Join us for a fun-filled day with your neighbors at the monthly Friendly Bazaar! Enjoy delicious food from local food trucks, lively music, bounce houses, exciting games and shop from local vendors. Don't miss out on the fun—come and connect with your community!

We'll also have a cake walk, and we're looking for cake donations! If you're able to contribute, it would be greatly appreciated. Let's make this event even sweeter together! Call Alanna Harman at 561-248-3151 to coordinate.







WALKS [DONATE A CAKE

FOR THE CAKE WALKS!]

WE'LL HAVE CORN-HOLE BOARDS SET UP



2024 CHRISTMAS EVENTS DETAILS - Saturday 12/14

Christmas has always been a special, fun time in Florida Gardens. This year we will again have the Kids Christmas Party, Toy Drive and Day & Night Golf Cart Parades.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - People like to attend these events but few ever want to **HELP**. If you would be willing to volunteer to help with Christmas Party support (before, during AND after), please contact Kimberly Serio (561) 762-4356 (Setup is FRIDAY, 12/13 from 6-8 pm and the Party needs support Saturday from 9:30 am until clean-up is complete). High School students - this is an opportunity for Community Service hours.



KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY and TOY DRIVE

Our annual Kids Christmas Party for the residents of Florida Gardens will take place 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. There will also be a silent auction. Cash or check for the winning bid. See Page 4 for more information.



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 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm or Saturday morning after 9:30 am but before the party.

TOY DRIVE : Again this year, 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 Saturday morning (see paragraph above). Collected toys will be given to Toys for Tots.

CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADES (Day 1:00 pm & Night 7:00 pm)

On Saturday, December 14th, we will have our annual Christmas Golf Cart Parades. GOLF CARTS ONLY, PLEASE. The daytime parade will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the nighttime parade for lighted carts starting at 7:00 p.m. If you have a decorated cart, please join in the fun. The parade route map is shown on Page 4 along with additional information.

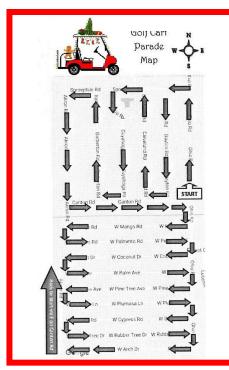
SAFETY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We need safety volunteers to block automobile traffic at intersections as the parade passes. Contact Mike Misko at 561-629-6121 or email floridagardensca@gmail.com to volunteer and keep our parades safe.



CHRISTMAS EVE LUMINARIES

If you are interested in working to light your street with luminaries on Christmas Eve, you must contact your Street Rep by December 10th. Each Street Rep will be responsible for determining if the number of volunteers is sufficient and will coordinate the work for their street.





CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADE ROUTE

We will use the same traditional route this year. For residents on Springdale and along the south ends of Ohio and Akron, pay attention to where the crossstreet connections are and go to the intersections so you don't miss out.

NOTE THE PARADE START TIMES

The day parade will begin at 1:00 pm. The night parade will begin at 7:00 pm.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARADE PARTICIPANTS

Once again we beg parade participants to complete the WHOLE route so those at the end get to enjoy ALL the carts. Too many carts cut out early and deprive residents near the end of the route of the enjoyment of seeing all the carts. PLEASE complete the whole parade route. Thank you!

INFORMATION ON THE SILENT AUCTION : As you know from the article in the September Newsletter, Member Contributions this past year were roughly the same as last year, as was income from Clubhouse rentals. However, the cost of hosting our Kids Parties continues to increase. To raise funds to support continuation of these parties, there will be a Silent Auction at the Christmas Party. **NOTE TO BUSINESSES :** We are looking for businesses or anyone who would like to donate a gift or gift card that we can use for the auction. A business donation can include a copy of your business information (business card, etc.) to promote your business. All auction proceeds will benefit our various kids parties. For further information, contact Kimberly Serio at 561-762-4356.



CLUBHOUSE RENTAL INFO

FOR INFORMATION ON RENTING THE CLUBHOUSE, FIRST VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.floridagardens.net AND CLICK ON THE CLUBHOUSE TAB. REVIEW THE INFORMATION AND THEN CALL TERRY AT **561-968-9970*** TO SCHEDULE YOUR EVENT. **RESERVE EARLY - WE ALREADY HAVE DATES BOOKED AS FAR OUT AS AUGUST 2025!**

*VOICE MAIL ONLY—DO NOT SEND TEXTS TO THIS NUMBER.



<u>2024 HALLOWEEN EVENTS RECAP</u>







SPECIAL THANKS!

To Kimberly Serio, Alanna Harman, Mike Misko and their teams of volunteers who staged another remarkable evening of Halloween fun this year.

We had about 150 kids who enjoyed food and games at the Halloween Party and Trunk-or-Treat.

Special Thank Yous - to Little Caesars Pizza in Jog Plaza for giving us a great deal on all the pizza (see their ad in this Newsletter), and Florida Gardens Baptist Church for bringing their popcorn stand and helping with the games (see their ad also).

We had about 24 Golf Carts handing out treats.

We also had 37 Golf Carts at the start of the Halloween Golf Cart Parade.

We had a great turn-out for the movie which concluded the evening of fun.

Again, THANK YOU to everyone who helped put together this memorable group of events. More photos on our website: www.floridagardens.net









HALLOWEEN DÉCOR CONTEST

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)

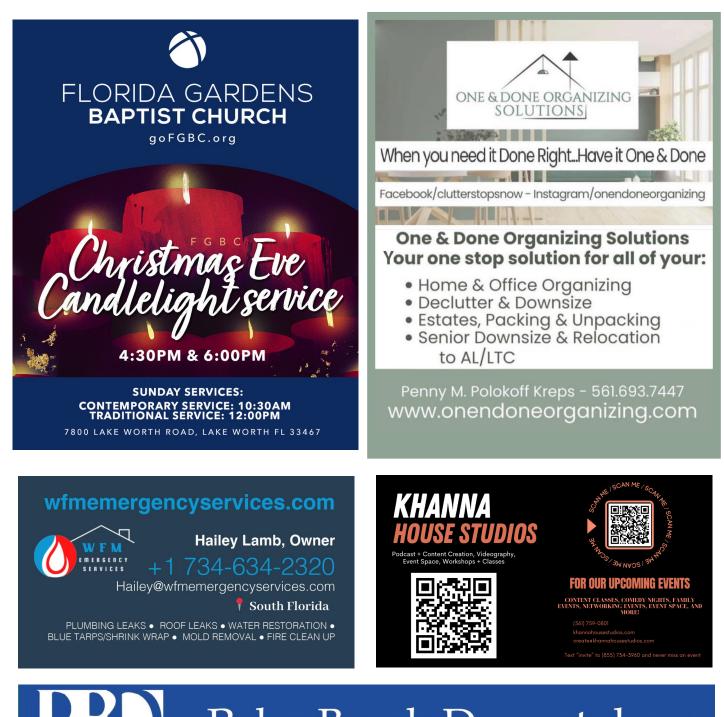
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AN IMPORTANT WARNING ABOUT LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES and DEVICES THAT USE THEM

This topic deserves more space than is available here this month. With the holidays upon us, please be aware of the potential dangers regarding the charging of any product which uses a lithium-ion battery (these days, almost every rechargeable product does). Charging lithium-ion batteries can cause a fire if overheated or improperly charged, or if the battery gets wet. Use only the charger that came with the device. Charge batteries and devices away from combustible materials. If the device has a battery that the user can replace, do so ONLY with an exact battery from the same manufacturer. Never leave any device directly exposed to high temperatures. Finally, never throw a lithium-ion battery OR A DEVICE THAT CONTAINS ONE in the trash. Dispose of rechargeable batteries and devices only at a specified hazardous waste disposal location. Beware of the potential dangers of charging lithium-ion batteries and stay safe.

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