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MARCH 7th



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KIDS EASTER PARTY AND EGG HUNT

A FUN ANNUAL EVENT SATURDAY, APRIL 11th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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From the President

By Spencer Palmer

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

As always, I would like to thank all of our volunteers that make our neighborhood one of the best and sought-after communities in Palm Beach County.

I hope everyone had an outstanding New Year's and spent some wonderful time with family and friends.

I am happy to see that two of our residents came forward and were elected to two Association Officers spots for 2020. The election results are as follows:

Returning for a third term as President-Spencer Palmer

Newly elected 1st Vice President-Susan Jenkins

Newly elected 2nd Vice President- Danny Wood

Returning for a third term as Secretary-Angie Bermudez

Returning for a third term as Treasurer-Christine Jenson

We also have a new street representative for Cuyahoga: Megan Bauer

Please thank the above and your street representatives for taking time out of their busy schedule to help with our Association.

It has been nice to see more and more new faces and as always the original faces at our monthly Residents Meetings.

I would like to thank Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Station 32 for bringing Santa to our Christmas party and partaking in our afternoon golf cart parade. I would like to also thank Officer Milton Smith (resident of Florid Gardens) of the Delray Beach Police Department for heading our afternoon Christmas golf cart parade.



We have some fun events coming up and will be needing volunteers to help with them, so if you are interested in helping out please contact me and keep an eye on the neighborhood Nextdoor app and our Facebook page for event meetings. High schoolers are always needed and they get community service hours.

Remember, Please drive through your neighborhood like your kids are playing there.

Hoping to see you at the next Residents Meeting on 2/13/2020 @ 8pm in the clubhouse at 134 Ohio Rd.

Email - floridagardensca@gmail.com Visit our website @ floridagardens.net



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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Patrick's Day Adult Social

We have reserved the Clubhouse on Friday evening, March 13th for a St. Patrick's Day pot-luck adult social. Since the next Newsletter will not be distributed before then, please monitor Nextdoor and the new Florida Gardens Facebook page (Florida Gardens Civic Association) for event details.

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 February 13th, March 12th and April 9th.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

and Community Get-Together
SATURDAY, MARCH 7th
STARTING AT 11:00 a.m. RAIN-OR-SHINE

Come and enjoy – Compete (see the tournament rules below) or just watch the competition, enjoy some food, listen to some music and get together with your neighbors.

FOOD INFO:

Woody's Burgers will be catering the event ONLY from 12:00 p.m. thru 2:30 p.m. These hours are firm. Each meal, which includes a drink, will cost \$10.00. The number of meals available is limited and food tickets will be pre-sold and are non-refundable. Please contact Danny Wood at (561) 722-0353 or go to our website, floridagardens.net, and select "Event Tickets" from the top menu. Purchase your meal ticket(s) and print out the emailed receipt you will receive. That receipt will be your meal ticket.

The Woody's Burgers menu is as follows:

A 7-oz freshmade burger, OR a smoked sausage OR an all-beef hotdog OR grilled marinated chicken breast OR black bean veggie burger with guacamole. Cheese selections are American or Spicy Jack. Each served on a Martins Potato Roll, with fries and Salad Greens (baby arugula with shaved parmesan and balsamic vinaigrette), and your choice of a canned soda or bottled water.

The burger bar condiment buffet includes: Lettuce, tomato, dill pickles, red onions, fresh jalapeno's, roasted red peppers, sliced kalamata olives, sauerkraut, cherry peppers, giardiniera, English cucumbers, pickled ginger, ketchup, mustard, relish, mayo, wasabi mayo, roasted garlic mayo, smoked ketchup, Dijon mustard, BBQ sauces and a selection of hot sauces.

Kona Ice (kamk@kona-ice.com / 561-254-5076) will also be there (not included in the meal price).

MUSIC: Premier Sound Entertainment (www.premiersoundentertainment.com, 561-951-2297) will provide the music.





CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT INFO:









This is a double-elimination, winner-take-all format. There will be 3 separate Divisions of 2-Person Teams with different entry fees. Entry fees pay for prizes and expenses. At least 1 player from each team MUST be a resident of Florida Gardens. The divisions are as follows:

Division 1: Two Adults (minimum 16 years old).

Entry Fee - \$20 per team with 50% of the total entry purse and championship belts going to the winning team.

Division 2: One Adult (minimum 16 years old) & One Youth (maximum 15 years old).

Entry Fee - \$10 per team with 50% of the total entry purse and trophies to the winning team.

Division 3: Two Youths (maximum of 15 years old).

NO Entry Fee - The winning team receives two \$50 Amazon Gift cards plus trophies.

Pre-Entry Info:

Pre-entry for this event is open as of 1/20/20 and entries will be accepted up to 10:00 a.m. on the day of the event. For pre-entry, please contact Mike Misko at (561) 629-6121 or Danny Wood at (561) 722-0353 to be placed on the list. All entry money will be collected on the day of the tournament. Double entry in separate Divisions is allowed and encouraged.

NOTES:

All teams must be present by 10:00 a.m. for a players meeting and chip draw, and to be placed on the bracket.

Tournament rules will be posted at the clubhouse during the event.

All scoring will be kept on the "Honor Code" between the teams playing. Please remember this is a "family-friendly" competition and in the event of a disagreement, it will be settled by the organizers of the tournament.

2019 KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY



THANKS TO THOSE THAT MADE THIS EVENT HAPPEN:

EVENT COORDINATORS : Kim Kahant and Kimberly Serio

VOLUNTEERS: Spencer Palmer, Terry Crosby, Peggy Martin, Amanda Maniaci, Adan Ashley, Kaitlyn Misko, Alexander Johnson, Andrew and Aaron Guevara, Megan Bauer, Tim Carpenter, Stu Piddasso, Tris Campbell, Ryan Broehm, Steven French, Skip and Terri Barubbi, Rhonda Brisson and anyone else who didn't sign in or we may have overlooked (sorryl).





Special Thanks—To our resident photographer, Karen Bavis, for providing many of these great images.

You can view her complete gallery of 136 images from this event and download your favorites for free.

Go to:

https://karenbavisphotographytake1.smugmug.com/ FLORIDA-GARDENS-CHRISTMAS-PARTY-2019









CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of our 2019 Christmas Decorating Contest that was again **sponsored by Able Plumbing**. See photos of the Neighborhood winners on our website. (www.floridagardens.net)

Note that those who won cash prizes for their great displays last year were ineligible for recognition this year.

Neighborhood Best Overall: 1st Place - 80 Cuyahoga 2nd Place - 175 Akron 3rd Place - 32 Palmetto

Honorable Mentions, no particular order: 56 Dayton 61 Canton 67 Cypress

Best-on-the-Street Winners as selected by your Association Street Reps (exclusive of the top winners above):

111 AKRON (N) 97 CANTON 70 CYPRESS 144 OHIO (S) 49 PLUMOSA

278 AKRON (S) 99 CLEVELAND 33 DAYTON 32 PALM 43 RUBBER TREE

106 ARCH 55 COCONUT 130 MANGO 85 PALMETTO 107 SPRINGDALE

45 BARBERTON 112 CUYAHOGA 68 OHIO (N) 67 PINE TREE

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 December 31st, we have 553 households signed on. If you're not already 'connected', go to www.floridagardensfl.nextdoor.com and join. It's FREE.

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Once again, it's time for any graduating High School senior in Florida Gardens who may be interested in applying for the annual Florida Gardens College Scholarship Award to start working on their application. Each year, the Civic Association is proud to award one or two scholarships to college-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 2020, and entering college in the fall. There are a few other requirements prior to applying, which include family donations to the Association for 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 contact our Scholarship Chairman, Ed Ridolph, at 967-2197.

CLUBHOUSE RENTAL

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.



YOU MAY NOT BE SEEING ALL POSTS AVAILABLE ON NEXTDOOR

By Gary Oliwa

I posted the following article on Nextdoor at the end of December, but you may not have seen it. HERE'S WHY:

I want to repost this information in case you missed it. First and most importantly, I always thought that when you opened Nextdoor, ALL posts showed up in the list with the newest one first. Well, not quite. Per the published explanation, there are two settings that control the order of posts you see. If you look just to the right of "Home" in the menu on the left of the screen (I'm using a computer, not a phone for this, so my explanation my not apply exactly), you will see a small downarrow. If you click it you should see two choices. One is "Top Posts" and the other is "Recent Activity". If you select "Recent Activity", you will indeed see all the posts, sorted by most recent first, with most recent being anything anyone posted OR added to an original post regardless of when the thread was started.

The other option, "Top Posts" shows ONLY, and I'm quoting here, the posts that "we think" are the most relevant and interesting to you". How "they", who ever they are, decide what they think is relevant and interesting to me is unknown. I therefore want to use "Recent Activity" and I'll decide what I think is relevant and interesting to me. However, "Top Posts" is the default setting, so unless you know to change it, you will not see all the posts in the order they were posted.

For me, Nextdoor is most useful when I see the most recent information first, so I will be using the "Recent Activity" setting and making sure it stays set that way. Turns out it's not a one-time setting thing.

After communicating with Customer Support at Nextdoor, I was told that the info as to whether you want your Newsfeed sorted as "Top Posts" or "Recent Activity" is stored as a cookie on your device. If you're like me, you clear your browser activity and stored data regularly (I try and clear mine every few days at least). Therefore, when I clear my browser data, which among other things deletes any cookies that websites have set on my computer, the cookie telling Nextdoor to list the Newsfeed by "Recent Activity" to see all posts is deleted and Nextdoor reverts to the default "Top Posts" setting which only shows some of them. The only work-arounds are either to not clear your browser data (not a good choice in my opinion) or just remembering to check or reset the selection to "Recent Activity" EVERY TIME YOU SIGN ON. This is what I do now. Even if you don't ever clear your browser, the "Recent Activity" setting is still only good for 30 days, after which it reverts back to the default "Top Posts" setting. Also, if you want the "Recent Activity" setting and you access Nextdoor from more than one device, you have to change it on each device you use since cookies are device-specific.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Please see the EDITOR'S NOTES

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. EDITOR'S NOTE - I've never received feedback from anyone. Send an email to goliwagmo@aol.com

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. **EDITOR'S NOTE** - **In two years, I have received one article for publication.**

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. **EDITOR'S NOTE - I've received one submission in two years.**

SHARE A RECIPE:

Want to share a special recipe? Submit your favorite recipe for your neighbors to enjoy! **EDITOR'S NOTE - Sometimes I get these.**...but not 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 next newsletter is the end of the first week of that month.

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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11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY, APRIL 5

8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE THURSDAY, APRIL 9

7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 7:00 a.m. - EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

8:00 a.m. - CONTINENTIAL BREAKFAST

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