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APRIL 24th

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COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHER

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND COVID-SAFE EVENT
DETAILS WILL BE POSTED ON NEXTDOOR, FACEBOOK AND THE
FLORIDA GARDENS WEBSITE AS THE DATE APPROACHES.**

EASTER FESTIVITIES ?

**WE HAVE RESERVED THE CLUBHOUSE ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 27th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

At press time, it is impossible to predict the status of group activities
due to the Covid crisis. Ideas are being discussed by the Board.

Please monitor Nextdoor, our Facebook page and the
Florida Gardens website for the latest information.



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UPDATED 1/22/21

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From the Presi-

By Spencer Palmer

Hello Everyone and Thank You All again for taking the time to read our neighborhood Newsletter.

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

First off I would like to welcome Florida Gardens home owners or renters to our Residents Meetings. We had a great turnout at January's social distancing compliant meeting. Thank you all for coming out to support our community.

Due to the circumstances we are going through, there are no definite Clubhouse neighborhood events upcoming anytime real soon, but do keep an eye on our social media for upcoming news.

Thank you volunteers Kimberly, Katie, Tim and Heather for the last minute pictures with Santa. Also, thank you for all that brought out the toy donations, it was a great success.

Thank you to Delray Beach PD officer Milton Smith for being the lead car for the daytime golf cart parade and to Palm Beach County Fire Rescue for attending the parade again this year.

Also, thank you to all that attended the nighttime golf cart parade. We had our biggest turnout yet, 54 golf carts. Outstanding job everyone !!!

Trash

Can everyone please try a little harder to put larger items, vegetation and rental move-out items to Wednesday/Thursday's. If we can also please try to bring in our trash cans and recycling containers the day of the pickup it would be much appreciated by our neighbors. What you do in your back yard is your business, but let's all try to make our front yards look good.

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

Hoping to see you at the next Residents Meeting on 2/11/2021 @ 8pm in the clubhouse at 134 Ohio Rd, Covid-19 permitting.

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 scheduled meeting dates for the next three months are February 11th, March 11th and April 8th, but subject to change due to Covid-19 restrictions.

CHRISTMAS IN FLORIDA GARDENS—2020

Christmas has always been a special, fun time in Florida Gardens. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 situation forced us to cancel the annual Kids Christmas Party. However, we still had a Santa Claus Meet-and-Greet, the Golf Cart Parades, the Christmas Decorating Contest and the Christmas Eve luminaries.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of our 2020 Christmas Decorating Contest that was again **sponsored by Able Plumbing**. See photos of the Neighborhood winners on our website. (www.floridagardens.net)

Neighborhood Best Overall : 1st Place - 97 Palmetto 2nd Place - 75 Dayton 3rd Place - 129 Cleveland

Honorable Mentions, no particular order : 56 Dayton 112 Cuyahoga 49 Plumosa

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

25 AKRON (N)	61 CANTON	67 CYPRESS	236 OHIO (S)	91 PLUMOSA
254 AKRON (S)	92 CLEVELAND	117 DAYTON	130 PALM	13 RUBBER TREE
44 ARCH	8 COCONUT	85 MANGO	85 PALMETTO	49 SPRINGDALE
123 BARBERTON	56 CUYAHOGA	68 OHIO (N)	20 PINE TREE	

SANTA MEET-&-GREET / TOY DRIVE

Special thanks to Kimberly Serio and Spencer Palmer for coordinating a Covid-safe Santa Meet-&-Greet in lieu of the annual Kids Christmas Party. THANK YOU to everyone who donated toys, which Santa delivered to the fire station for safe distribution.



CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADES (Day & Night)

On Saturday, December 19th, we had our annual Christmas Golf Cart Parades. Turn-out for the night parade was incredible - with 54 carts participating. Special thanks to Spencer Palmer for coordinating the parades.

CHRISTMAS EVE LUMINARIES

Once again this year, a number of streets were beautifully lined with luminaries on Christmas Eve. This photo is of Canton Road. Special thanks to those Street Reps and their volunteers who took the time and made the effort to make this happen.



Election of the 2021 FGCA Officers

The election of the 2021 FGCA Officers took place during the December monthly meeting. Spencer Palmer was nominated for another term as President. There being no opposition, Spencer was re-elected as President for 2021.

Susan Jenkins declined to run for re-election as 1st Vice President and nominated Mike Misko. There being no opposition, Mike was elected as the new 1st Vice President.

Danny Wood was nominated for another term as 2nd Vice President. There being no opposition, Danny was re-elected as 2nd Vice President.

Angie Bermudez declined to run for re-election as Secretary. Spencer Palmer nominated Kimberly Serio. There being no opposition, Kimberly was elected as the new Secretary.

Chris Jenson was nominated for another term as Treasurer. There being no opposition, Chris was re-elected as Treasurer.

With Mike Misko's election as an Officer, Susan Jenkins was nominated as the new Street Rep for south Ohio. There was no opposition.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2021 FGCA Officers and THANK YOU to all the members of the Board of Directors for volunteering your time and efforts to support our Community.



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 2021, 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 phone our Scholarship Chairman, Ed Ridolph, at 967-2197 (phone only - do not text).

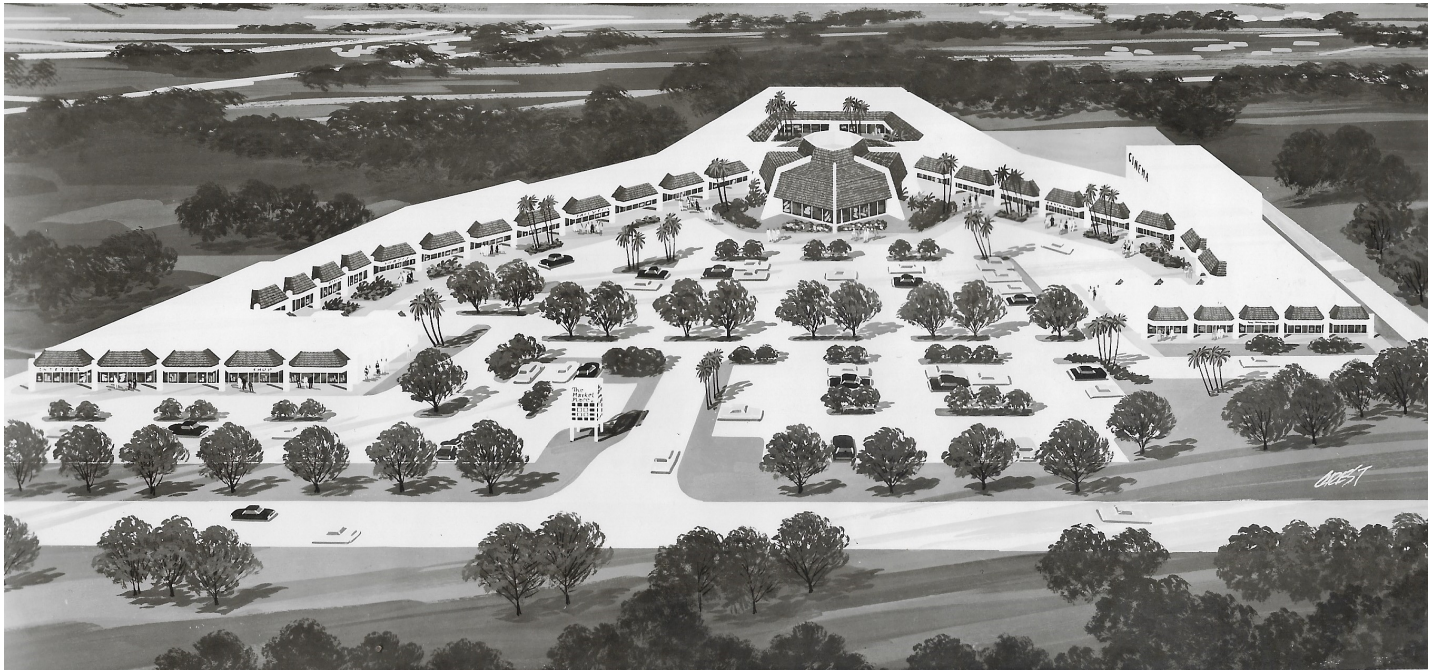
CLUBHOUSE RENTAL

LIMITED RESERVATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. 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.



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 January 1st, we have 579 households signed on. If you're not already 'connected', go to www.floridagardensfl.nextdoor.com and join. It's FREE. 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.



More Florida Gardens History

by Gary Oliwa

The above 'Artist's Rendering' is the original proposal for "The Market Place at Lucerne", the shopping center located behind Mom's Kitchen and the Colonial Motel. Rather futuristic looking for its day, I think, as opposed to the bland center we have today. This rendering was based on the architectural layout created in May, 1974 with a planned occupancy in the fall of 1976. I do not know when the design change occurred. An article in the Palm Beach Post from September 1975 indicated that construction was to begin by the end of that year, but was delayed by the developer until Lake Worth Road had been widened to 4 lanes. The center finally opened in December 1977. At that time, according to the article, leases had been secured for "a health food store, butcher shop, needlepoint shop, travel agency, gourmet shop, ice cream parlor, art gallery, sports shop, leather shop and indoor plant store." An ad in the Post in April 1980 for a hair salon there advertised a "full line of men's wigs". Other ads in the paper for shops in the center were for a gift shop, book store, dry cleaners, Gaetano's Italian Restaurant (Abby Road Restaurant was already there as well), a PVC patio furniture store, a chiropractor, another restaurant called Tabatchnicks Deli (which must have opened in April 1979 based on the classified ads they placed looking for employees), a bagel shop and First Federal Savings which had financed the construction of the center. Wish we still had some of those shops!

SHARE A RECIPE - Roasted Brussel Sprouts

An easy and tasty side dish.

Ingredients : Bag of fresh Brussel Sprouts
 Extra light tasting virgin olive oil
 Ground pepper
 Garlic salt

Tools : Large Bowl
 Cookie sheet lined with aluminum foil

Preheat the oven to 450-degrees.

Cut each brussel sprout in half from top to stem.

Put the sprouts in a bowl and season with the olive oil, ground pepper and garlic salt.

Toss or mix to distribute the seasonings. Continue adding until all the sprouts are evenly coated.

Pour the sprouts onto the cookie sheet and distribute them, TURNING THE CUT SIDE DOWN.

Bake at 450-degrees for about 30-40 minutes until the bottoms of the sprouts are well browned.

FLORIDA GARDENS CRIME REPORT										11/01/20-12/31/20				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	
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Stolen Tag		1																
Fireworks							1											
Assist to Another Dept			1															
Resident Chk	9	1		3		10			6	13	4	5			2		1	
Domestic / Civil		1			1		1		2	1							1	
Missing Person	1																	
Neighbor Trouble			1									1					2	
Police Serv. Call Info			1						1	1		1						1
Abuse					1													
Welfare Check									1			1						
Fraud			1															
Suspicious Person	1																	
Employment Check				11														
Conduct Check	1																	
Reckless Driver				1														
Suspicious Vehicle	1	1			1					1								
Vehicle Burglary																	1	
Fraud			1															
Noise	1	1					5								2			
Mentally Disturbed Person										1								

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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. 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 two articles from the community for publication.

MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT :

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

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.**

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.

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Vendors interested in placing an ad in our Newsletter should contact our Advertising Coordinator, Sue Guthrie, at 561-254-5605.

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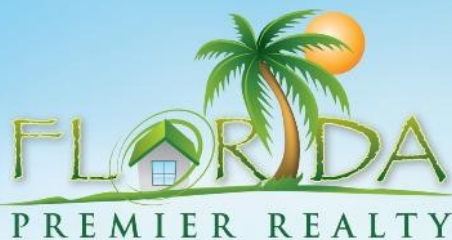
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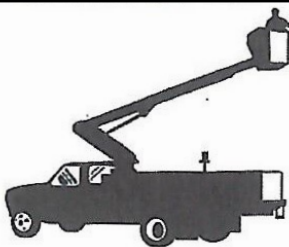
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