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STREET REPS

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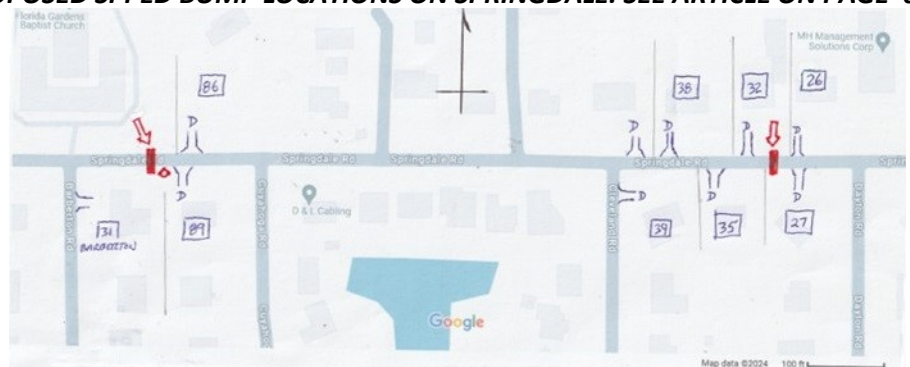
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PROPOSED SPPEED BUMP LOCATIONS ON SPRINGDALE. SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 6



SPRINGDALE ROAD SPEED BUMPS - PROPOSED LOCATIONS INDICATED BY THE RED ARROWS.

General considerations regarding the locations:

1. Divide Springdale approximately into thirds.
2. Maximize the distance from driveways and cross-streets.
3. Motorists backing out of a driveway will not encounter the speed bump.

Specific considerations taken regarding the west bump location:

- The west bump is moved slightly west of a fire hydrant.

Specific considerations taken regarding the east bump location:

- The east bump location affords the maximum distance between any two driveways.

LEGEND

- SPEED BUMP
- DRIVEWAY
- PROPERTY ADDRESS
- FIRE HYDRANT

STREET REPS

UPDATED 9/19/23

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FGCA Officers for 2024

At the December Residents Meeting, the following people were elected as the Florida Gardens Civic Association Inc Officers for 2024:

President - Mike Misko
1st Vice President - Christine Curry
2nd Vice President - Sarah Harmes
Secretary - Kimberly Serio
Treasurer - Keegan Gwin

Thank You to all those who volunteer their time for this Community.

SAVE THE DATE !

EASTER IS EARLY
THIS YEAR

IT'S OUR ANNUAL

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KIDS EASTER PARTY AND EGG HUNT



SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD



**THE FUN STARTS PROMPTLY AT 10:00 A.M.
WITH THE EASTER BUNNY MEET-AND-GREET**



10:30 A.M. AGES 5 & UNDER

11:00 A.M. AGES 6-9

11:30 A.M. AGES 10+



**REFRESHMENTS
FOR THE KIDS**



**PLEASE NOTE : THESE KIDS EVENTS CAN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS
AND THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM OUR COMMUNITY.!**

**HELP WITH THESE EVENTS! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS THE EVENING BEFORE
(6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.) AND BEFORE/DURING/AFTER THE EVENT.**

STUDENTS CAN GET THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS.

PLEASE CONTACT KIMBERLY SERIO AT 561-762-4356 TO HELP.



Why don't more residents support the Florida Gardens COMMUNITY?

Florida Gardens is a family community. Because we have a clubhouse facility, we have been able to have community events throughout the year. Besides our annual community gathering, the children really enjoy the Easter, Halloween and Christmas parties. All our residents have the clubhouse available to rent for their own special events. Plus, we open the facility to neighborhood support groups for weekly meetings. We also maintain the entrance sign on Ohio Road.

Through the Florida Gardens Civic Association, we provide deserving High School students with scholarship awards each year. We awarded two FG students \$1500 each in 2023.

None of this would be possible without sufficient annual financial assistance from our residents. Yet, in 2023, of 782 households, only 171 made a supporting contribution.

Unlike most communities in South Florida, we are not an HOA. There are no mandatory fees. ALL RESIDENTS of Florida Gardens are members of the Florida Gardens Civic Association, and your voluntary annual contribution to the FGCA makes it possible to provide you and your family with events that bring our community together and make Florida Gardens such a great place to live. Even if you don't attend any of our family events, the community still needs your support. We ask for a contribution of at least \$50 for the year, but ANY contribution amount is greatly appreciated. We Sincerely Thank You.



KIDS EASTER PARTY 2023



HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL



KIDS XMAS PARTY 2023

SEE ALL THE EVENT PICTURES ON OUR WEBSITE

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Use the ZELLE QR Code below to make a contribution with ZELLE. Please type your name and address in the MEMO field so we can properly record your contribution.

To make your contribution online with a credit card, go to - floridagardens.net - and select "CONTRIBUTE" in the top menu bar. Depending on your device, it may be located under "More". Your transaction is secured through PayPal, but you do NOT need to have a PayPal account. Enter the contribution amount and select either PayPal or your own credit card. After entering your credit card info, please select the "Share your mailing address..." check box so we can properly record your contribution. Also, please note that the Association must pay a processing fee for contributions made online through our website or through VENMO.

To contribute by check, use the coupon at the bottom of the next page and place both in the envelope provided. You can mail it or save the cost of a stamp by just dropping the envelope in the secure drop box in front of the Clubhouse.

NOTE - All member contributions received, regardless of the receipt date, are for the calendar year in which they are received.



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Point your camera at the QR code, open the link and then follow the payment instructions. **Make sure to add your name and address in the memo portion so we may keep track of contributions.**



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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 or tech school-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 2024, and entering college or tech school in the fall. There are a few other requirements prior to applying, which include family member contributions to the Association in 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 Coordinator, Sandra Dale, at 561-436-9852 or email to davidsdale@bellsouth.net.

The scholarships we award to selected Florida Gardens High School seniors each year would not be possible without the financial support of our residents. Your annual contribution makes a difference.

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 February 8th, March 14th and April 11th.

Adult Game Night – SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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 IN JUNE 2024!**



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

SEE ARTICLE ON PREVIOUS PAGE



FLORIDA GARDENS CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2024 MEMBER CONTRIBUTION COUPON

Make check payable to "Florida Gardens Civic Association"

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!



CHRISTMAS IN FLORIDA GARDENS—2023

Christmas has always been a special, fun time in Florida Gardens, celebrated by our annual events including the Kids Christmas Party, the Golf Cart Parades, the Christmas Decorating Contest and the Christmas Eve luminaries. The Kids Christmas party was great again this year. Thanks to all our volunteers without whose help these events would not be possible. And remember, your annual contribution to the Association funds the various community parties and events we hold throughout the year.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of our 2023 Christmas Decorating Contest that was again **sponsored by Able Plumbing**. See photos of the Neighborhood winners on our website. (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 - 175 Ohio 2nd Place - 85 Pine Tree 3rd Place - 129 Cleveland

Honorable Mentions, no particular order : 80 Cuyahoga 56 Cuyahoga 56 Dayton

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

25 AKRON (N)	64 CANTON	43 CYPRESS	236 OHIO (S)	49 PLUMOSA
254 AKRON (S)	104 CLEVELAND	75 DAYTON	19 PALM	8 RUBBER TREE
106 ARCH	55 COCONUT	86 MANGO	116 PALMETTO	81 SPRINGDALE
32 BARBERTON	112 CUYAHOGA	189 OHIO (N)	109 PINE TREE	

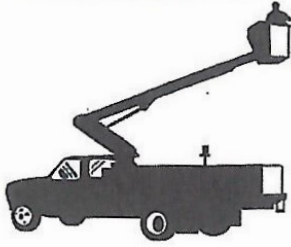
KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY / TOY DRIVE

Special thanks to our extraordinary Kids Party Coordinator, Kimberly Serio, and her volunteers for putting together another fantastic Kids Christmas Party. We had great attendance in spite of the weather. Also, THANK YOU to everyone who donated toys to Toys-for-Tots, which Santa delivered to the fire station for distribution. See the party pictures on our website, floridagardens.net, under the Photo Gallery tab.



CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADES (Day & Night)

Unfortunately, this year the weather did not cooperate on the intended day of our annual day and night Christmas Golf Cart Parades. We rescheduled for the following Saturday and turn-out for the night parade was great. Special thanks to Mike Misko for coordinating the parades. Sorry, but despite numerous asks, no one submitted any pictures for publication.



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