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UPCOMING EVENTS!

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COMMUNITY BBQ

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th



FLORIDA GARDENS ANNUAL

KIDS EASTER PARTY

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th



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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 communities in Palm Beach County.

Neighborhood BBQ-- April 6th.

One of our favorite times of the year is coming back to Florida Gardens, our BBQ. Yes, Gary Marshall is bringing back his famous butt to our FG BBQ. To make this a great time, we still need neighbors to step up and volunteer. It is a shame that when we have these events, we get a boatload of attendees and yet only a handful of volunteers. We never ask for much, just give whatever time you can. If you would like to do more, that would be up to you, but just volunteer. This is also a good time for the high schoolers to get their volunteer time in.

Nextdoor app.

I know that some of us are reluctant to use the Nextdoor app due to some of the comments that are mentioned on it. Please remember that sometimes we have to take some bad to get a lot of good. This is a great social media app that gets the word out fast on things like missing kids, missing pets, crimes happening, reminders for events, suspicious vehicles or people, and more. Please do not let a few bad apples make you not use this great thing. If you are not sure what this is or need help getting it, please let me know and I will be more than happy to help you.

Your yard.

I am asking that we all work together and make our neighborhood look a little better. There are some houses and yards that could use a little sprucing up. I know a lot of us lead a busy life, but I am not asking for you to keep your yard manicured. Just keep it mowed and please try to use your driveway to park your cars on. We are not looking for HOA rules, just the Palm Beach County code enforcement rules that are very lenient. Let's keep the County from being called and keep it between ourselves to make our neighborhood looking good.

Speeding.

Just letting everyone know that the speed limit is 30 mph through our neighborhood. I have clocked vehicles going over 50 mph down Akron. I do understand that sometimes you wake up late or you're just running behind, but it's the same vehicles speeding most of the time. Patience pays. Please do not let your life get turned upside down by getting in an accident or even worse, killing someone. We have lost a dog from a young man driving a little fast while texting. This was a sinking feeling that we never forget every time we go to the mail box. I also do not want it to come down to doing away with the speed humps and go to speed bumps - ones that make you stop, not just slow down. Think how long it's going to take you to get from Arch to Lake Worth Road then. Please just slow down in your neighborhood. What you do outside your neighborhood is on you.

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

Hoping to see you at the next Residents Meeting on 4/11/19 @ 8pm in the clubhouse at 134 Ohio Rd.



COMMUNITY BBQ

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th NOON TO 6:00 PM



FOOD

GARY MARSHALL WILL BE SELLING HIS DELICIOUS PULLED PORK.
MEAL - PULLED PORK WITH 2 SIDES AND A ROLL \$12
KIDS MEAL - HOT DOG, CHIPS AND A DRINK \$5
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KIDS EASTER PARTY AND EGG HUNT

A FUN ANNUAL EVENT

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

GATHER YOUR EGGS AND HAVE YOUR PHOTO TAKEN WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

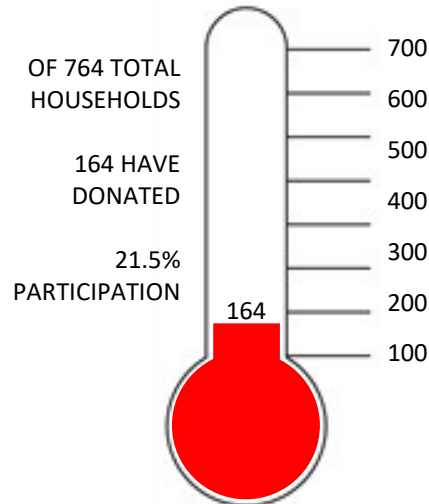
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2019 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATIONS

A reminder that applications for a Florida Gardens Scholarship must be submitted before the April 15th deadline. To qualify, there are certain requirements that must be met prior to applying. Among these are 20 hours of community service to Florida Gardens, a bona fide resident of Florida Gardens, a graduating high school senior entering college for the first time during this calendar year, and whose family has made a minimum donation to the Association for the current and previous year. We encourage all qualified applicants to apply for the FGCA scholarship. Applications are available from our Scholarship Chairman, Ed Ridolph, at 967-2197.

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE DONATED



ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE STATUS

In last month's Newsletter, we kicked off our annual donation drive. We detailed how your donations fund the various community activities (like the BBQ and Kids Easter Party announced in this Newsletter). We asked that you check with your friends that live in HOA communities what they pay annually in mandatory HOA dues and what they receive in return. We also implemented, based on your requests, a safe, simple method to make a donation online if a mailed check was too inconvenient.

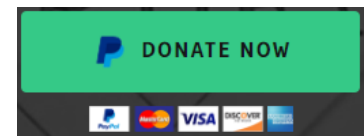
As of March 1st, 164 of our 764 households in Florida Gardens have recognized the need for their involvement and have been generous enough to donate. Most have donated \$30, the minimum amount needed to secure a \$200 credit toward the rental of the Clubhouse. Some have donated more. To everyone who has donated thus far, we say THANK YOU!

In this Newsletter, we are again including a donation coupon and mailing envelope for those of you who like to donate by check, and simple instructions below on how to use our website to make your donation online. Any resident that makes a minimum \$30 donation before April 30th will secure a discounted Clubhouse rental rate for the year. All donations received, regardless of the receipt date, are for the calendar year in which they are received. The Association fiscal year runs from Jan 1st to Dec 31st.

Please consider what this great community has to offer and make a donation to help keep our activities funded.

NOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE!

We understand that many of you may find it inconvenient or even impossible to send us your annual donation using a paper check. We are now set up to allow you to donate online with your credit card. Your transaction is secured through PayPal. Go to our website - www.floridagardens.net and select "DONATE" from the top menu (depending on your device, it may be located under "More"). From the Donate page, select the "DONATE NOW" button and enter your info. After entering your credit card information, please remember to select the "Share your mailing address..." check box so we can properly record your donation.



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.

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 April 11th, May 9th and June 13th. There are no monthly meetings in July or August.

NEWSLETTER

The Florida Gardens Newsletter is published 5 times per year, in January, March, May, September and November.

FLORIDA GARDENS CRIME REPORT											01/01/19-02/28/19				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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Reckless Driver													1					
Harrassing Calls	1																	
Assist another Department	1																	
Resident Check						3					7	1				1		
Domestic / Civil	1					1					1							
Neighbor Trouble							1											
Embezzlement						1												
Police Serv. Call Info								1		1				1				
Stolen Vehicle						2				1					1			
Welfare Check	1	2				1				4	2				1			
Conduct Check											1							
Suspicious Incident/Person														1				
Vandalism														1				
Felony												1						
Misdemeanor												1						
Suspicious Vehicle						1												
Hit and Run												1						
Mentally DisturbedPers																	1	
Vehicle Recovery						1												
Noise											1							

OUR GARBAGE COLLECTION PROCESS CHANGES OCTOBER 1ST

Beginning in October, Palm Beach County is going AUTOMATED. Every residential curbside customer will receive a new 95-gallon bin that will be serviced by specialized trucks that will mechanically lift and dump the bin into the truck. A number of municipalities (such as Boynton Beach) have had this system for years. All regular garbage must be placed inside the bin to be collected. Collection of garbage will still be twice per week. Bulk items including appliances, furniture and any other large household items that do not fit in the bin will be collected once per week and be limited to no more than three (3) items.

More detailed information will be coming as the conversion date approaches.

THIS MONTH'S RECIPE:

DUTCH SUPPER CAKE

Melt 2 squares of unsweetened chocolate and 1/2 cup Crisco shortening over low heat. Let it cool.

Stir in 1 cup of sugar, 1 tsp of vanilla extract, 1 cup of regular applesauce, 2 well-beaten eggs and 1/2 cup of chopped walnuts.

Sift together 1 cup of all purpose flour, 1/2 tsp of baking soda and 1/2 tsp of salt. Add to the above mixture and blend thoroughly.

Pour the mixture into a well-greased, 8" square pan.

Bake at 350° for 35-40 minutes. Check for doneness with a toothpick. Remove and let cool.

Serve plain or top with powdered sugar, whipped cream or frosting.

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!

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 March newsletter will be Monday, March 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.

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 March 1st, we had 504 households signed on. If you're not already 'connected', go to www.floridagardensfl.nextdoor.com and join. It's FREE.



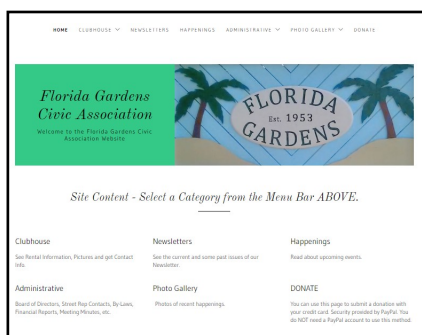
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UPCOMING EVENTS & HOLY WEEK SERVICES

SATURDAY, MARCH 23	ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ EAT IN/TAKE OUT 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 P.M. \$8.00 PER DINNER
SUNDAY, APRIL 14	PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
THURSDAY, APRIL 18	MAUNDY THURSDAY – LIVING LAST SUPPER 7:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, APRIL 19	GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 7:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, APRIL 28	7:00 a.m. – EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 8:00 a.m. – CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IN PAVILION 9:00 a.m. – CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT 10:00 a.m. – EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE



HOME CLUBHOUSE NEWSLETTERS HAPPENINGS ADMINISTRATIVE PHOTO GALLERY DONATE

Florida Gardens Civic Association
Welcome to the Florida Gardens Civic Association Website

Site Content - Select a Category from the Menu Bar ABOVE.

Clubhouse See Rental Information, Pictures and get Contact info.	Newsletters See the current and some past issues of our Newsletters.	Happenings Read about upcoming events.
Administrative Board of Directors, Street Rep Contacts, By-Laws, Financial Reports, Meeting Minutes, etc.	Photo Gallery Photos of recent happenings.	DONATE You can use this page to submit a donation with your credit card. Security provided by PayPal. You do NOT need a PayPal account to use the website.

Have you checked out our Florida Gardens Website lately?

www.floridagardens.net

Our website contains information on renting the clubhouse, the current list of your Street Representatives and Association Officers, copies of past Newsletters, other Administrative information, a large photo gallery of recent community events, and now even a DONATE page that you can use to make a donation to the Association online. If you haven't looked at it lately, take a moment and see what's there.

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