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# Florida Gardens Newsletter

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# KIPS GASTER PARTY AND GGG HUNT

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# <u>APPLICATION DEADLINE</u> <u>APPROACHING!</u>

A reminder to any graduating High School senior in Florida Gardens who may be interested in applying for the annual Florida Gardens College Scholarship Award to submit their application by April 15th. 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.

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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.

First off, I would like to say what an outstanding event our first Florida Gardens Cornhole Championship and Neighborhood Get-Together was. Thank you to Danny Wood and Mike Misko for volunteering, putting this together and running it. I also would like to thank all the volunteers that helped run this wonderful event including but not limited to Sandra Dale, Chris Jenson, Alanna Harman, Gary Oliwa, Terry Crosby, the offensive linemen of the Santaluces High School football team, and a lot of the neighbors that got together to help set up and tear down. Also I would like to thank Able Plumbing for helping to sponsor this event.

We also have a new street representative. My thanks to Ximena Coker for stepping up and becoming the street representative for Springdale. I would like to also thank Heather Zapf for being the street representative for Springdale, even though she did not live on Springdale. Please thank the above ladies and all 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 and this last event.

We may 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 Nextdoor neighborhood app and our Facebook page for event meetings. High schoolers are always needed and they get community service hours.

Very soon we will be asking you to sign a petition against homes being built on the Forest Oaks golf course in Lucerne Lakes. This means many more homes being built and more kids being shoved onto the buses that can barely hold what kids we have now. We will have this petition at our next meeting at the clubhouse on 4/9/2020 for everyone to stop by to sign.

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

Hoping to see you at the next Residents Meeting on 4/9/2020 @ 8pm in the Clubhouse at 134 Ohio Rd, Covid-19 permitting.

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Visit our website @ floridagardens.net

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# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Come Together During the Current Medical Crisis

Reach out to your elderly neighbors during the current medical crisis. The elderly are particularly vulnerable. If you know of an elderly neighbor, see if you can assist them by grocery shopping or other errands so that their time exposed to others is minimized. Of course, keep yourself safe as well by following the latest CDC guidelines.

#### **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 9th, May 14th and June 11th.

### Welcome!

New to our Neighborhood: M/M Jiampetti; 20 W. Coconut Rd







The Florida Gardens inaugural Cornhole Tournament and Community Get-Together was held on March 7th and turned out to be a great day of fun, food and music. Special THANKS to Danny Wood and Mike Misko who organized the event and to all the volunteers for all their hard work. The tournament winners are shown below. Go to our website, floridagardens.net and our Facebook page, Florida Gardens Civic Association to see photo galleries from the event.

# FIRST PLACE—ADULT DIVISION Ron Lewis and Dave Eubanks

RUNNER UP: Troy Harman and Danny Wood



#### ADDITIONAL THANKS:

- Fernando Ferreira of Premier Sound Entertainment
- Woody's Burgers
- Kona Ice



# FIRST PLACE—ADULT/YOUTH Lisa Wood and Avery Wood

RUNNER UP: Danny Wood and Corey Wood

# FIRST PLACE—YOUTH DIVISION Corey Wood and Ryan Banionis

RUNNER UP : Tyler Muller and Chase Nystrom

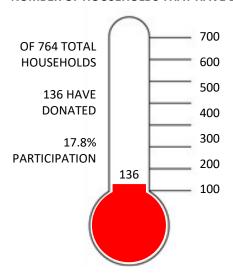








#### NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE DONATED



# **ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE STATUS**

In the January Newsletter, we kicked off our annual donation drive. We detailed how your donations fund the various community activities (like the Cornhole Tournament and the Kids Easter Party announced in this Newsletter). We asked that you check with your friends that live in HOA communities and see what they pay annually in mandatory HOA dues and what they receive in return. We also have a safe, simple method to make a donation online through our website if a mailed check is too inconvenient.

As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, only 136 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 an insert with simple instructions on how to use our website to make your donation online, and a donation coupon and mailing envelope for those of you who like to donate by check. Any resident that makes a minimum \$30 donation before April 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

# <u>Share a Recipe</u>

This recipe submitted by Kim Kahant

Frittatas - an Italian dish made with beaten eggs, resembling a Spanish omelet.

Ingredients (Serves 6):

- \* 8 large eggs
- \* 1/3 cup heavy cream
- \* 1 cup shredded Mozzarella cheese
- \* A sprinkle of salt and pepper
- \* A pinch of red pepper flakes
- \* 2 tsp olive oil
- \* 1 minced green onion
- \* 3 cloves of minced garlic
- \* 8 oz sliced mushrooms
- \* 3 cups baby spinach
- \* 1/2 cup Ricotta cheese
- \* Any other toppings you want
  - bacon, ham, broccoli, etc.

Cooks best in a cast iron skillet



#### Directions:

- \* Preheat the oven to 375-degrees
- Whisk together the eggs, heavy cream and Mozzarella. Season with salt, pepper and red pepper flakes.
- Cook the green onions and garlic in the olive oil until soft, then add the mushrooms, spinach, etc.
- \* Pour the egg mixture into the skillet and dollop with the Ricotta on top.
- \* Bake for 12 minutes.

For pro tips making this dish, go to https://blog.chefworks.com/uniforms/common-mistakes-to-avoid-when-cooking-frittatas/

# **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.



# **CENSUS 101** For a comprehensive website detailing things to know about the census, go to 2020census.gov

The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years by taking a "census". The word is of Latin origin. During the Roman Republic, the census was a list that kept track of all adult males fit for military service. For us, the first Federal Population Census was taken in 1790. Our census counts every person living in the United States and the five U.S. territories. Every 10 years, the statistical results of the census are used for several purposes. First, to reapportion the U.S. House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets. Then, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for the population shifts. The census is also used to determine the distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to the states, counties and communities. That federal money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs. Census data affects many decisions at all levels of government as well as in the private sector. It's a big deal.

#### **Census Scams**

As with many such things, the census effort will generate its share of fraudulent attempts to get your personal information. The census will NOT ask for your social security number or bank information. If you suspect fraud, call 800-923-8282 to speak with a local Census Bureau representative. If it is determined that a visitor who came to your door does not work for the Census Bureau, contact your local police department.

### Census Privacy on Individual's Information

Census information released at the conclusion of the census is statistical only. Federal law places a 72-year restriction on the public release of census data on individuals. Because of that restriction, the most recent year available is 1940. The 1950 Census data on individuals will be released in 2022. Personal data taken this year will not be released until the year 2092.

#### Census Day 2020

April 1 is Census Day, a key reference date for the 2020 Census. When completing the census, you will include everyone living in your home on April 1, 2020. Census Day will be celebrated with events across the country. It is not an April Fools Day joke.

#### **Some Other Key Dates**

Counting every person living in the United States is a massive undertaking, and efforts begin years in advance. Here's a look at some of the key dates for this year:

January 21: The U.S. Census Bureau started counting the population in remote Alaska. The count officially began in the rural Alaskan village of Toksook Bay.

March 12 - 20: Household will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail.

March 30 - April 1: The Census Bureau will count people who are experiencing homelessness over these three days. As part of this process, the Census Bureau counts people in shelters, at soup kitchens and mobile food vans, on the streets, and at non-sheltered, outdoor locations such as tent encampments.

April 1: Census Day is observed nationwide. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of 3 ways: online, by phone, or by mail. When you respond to the census, you'll tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.

April: Census takers will begin visiting college students who live on campus, people living in senior centers, and others who live among large groups of people.

May - July: Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to help make sure everyone is counted.

December: The Census Bureau will deliver apportionment counts to the President and Congress as required by law.

March 31, 2021: By this date, the Census Bureau will send redistricting counts to states. This information is used to redraw legislative districts based on population changes.

## **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 have 563 households signed on. If you're not already 'connected', go to www.floridagardensfl.nextdoor.com and join. It's FREE.

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# 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 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 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.**...like 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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8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9
MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

7:00 p.m.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 10 GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 7:00 p.m.

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

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