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JUST DAYS AWAY

COSTER FESTIVITIESJUST DAYSSATURDAY, MARCH 27THAWAY

Due to ongoing concerns over the spread of the Corona virus, we have unfortunately decided to cancel our usual annual Kids Easter Party and Egg Hunt this year. However, we will still have the following Covid-safe Easter events:

EASTER BUNNY MEET-AND-GREET



COME TO THE CLUBHOUSE, HAVE YOUR PHOTO TAKEN WITH THE EASTER BUNNY STARTING AT 10:00 a.m. AND RECEVIE A FREE GOODIE-BAG



EASTER GOLF CART PARADE

THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE OUR FIRST-EVER EASTER GOLF CART PARADE, BEGINNING AT 1:00 p.m.

The parade will follow the same route as our Halloween and Christmas parades



REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND COVID-SAFE EVENT DETAILS ARE SHOWN ON PAGE 3.

Watch for any updated information on Nextdoor, our Website and our Facebook page.

STREET REPS

UPDATED 2/11/21

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From the President

By Spencer Palmer

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

We are looking to have a cement sidewalk installed along Akron Rd on the west side of the road. We will be coming by to have the residents on the west side of the road sign a petition for or against this going in on the County easement area.

Volunteers needed for the following: Adult event coordinator Street Rep for Arch Street Rep for Mango Youth volunteer coordinator

I have received some complaints about the job that my wonderful Board has been doing and some of the decisions we have made, but I noticed that none of them have volunteered to be on the Board. Just a friendly reminder:

BEFORE YOU COMPLAIN HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED LATELY?

Thank You ALL for the compliments that we did get.

If you have not done so already, introduce yourself to your Street Representative. They are your link to the Association meetings. Most streets have a live-on SR, but some only have a newsletter delivery person or an off-street SR that actually comes to the meetings. Please do not forget to thank the Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Presidents and President. They are the backbone of the Association. Also thank our Directors At Large for all they do and Terry for all she does at the Clubhouse. Most of all PLEASE thank Gary Oliwa, for he does the most work for our community along with the Newsletter and Website. Without all of these members volunteering , we would have nothing in our neighborhood.

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

Hoping to see you at the next residents meeting on 4/8/2021 @ 8pm in the Clubhouse at 134 Ohio Rd, Covid-19 permitting.

Email - floridagardensca@gmail.com Visit our Website @ floridagardens.net Like us on Facebook @ Florida Gardens Civic Association

Wish you all the best, and be safe.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONDOLENCES Submitted by Sue Guthrie

Our Condolences to Marian and Mark French and Family, in their loss of Marian's Mother, Grace McDermott, who passed away March 2, 2021. Grace was 92 years young and was a resident of West Palm Beach, FL, since 1970.

Grace had volunteered as an Ambassador at the Palm Beach International Airport for the last 18 years and volunteered at Good Samaritan Hospital for the last 18 years, in the Pre-Op Department as well.

She had completed 2 Baby Quilts, 4 Receiving Blankets and numerous clothes, for her new Great-Granddaughter that will soon be born in April. Grace was Blessed with 5 Children, 10 Grandchildren and 18 Great-Grandchildren.

Our Love and Prayers are with all of you.

CLASSIFIEDS

Wurlitzer upright piano, with bench, student sheet music, and metronome. Excellent condition. Will help transport. \$300.00 Call Bill 561-267-2132

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 April 8th, May 13th and June 10th. Applicable Covid-19 restrictions will apply. There are no meetings in July or August.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



and Community Get-Together SATURDAY, APRIL 24th This is the only Newsletter before this event, so please monitor Nextdoor, our Website and our Facebook page for any updates.

COMPETITION STARTS AT 10:00 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 :

Tacos Al Carbon will be catering the event this year from 12:00 p.m. thru 4:00 p.m. Each meal, which includes a drink, will cost \$12.00 and is ALL YOU CAN EAT for 4 hours (only one soda per person is included with the meal purchase, but water will be provided at no additional cost). The number of meals available is limited (100) and food wristbands will be pre-sold and are non-refundable. Please contact either Danny Wood at (561) 722-0353, Mike Misko at (561) 629-6121 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 Tacos Al Carbon menu is as follows:

Carnitas / fried pork Corn To Ground Beef Hard Sk Shredded Chicken Nachos Spicy Pork Rice / A Grilled Steak Beans / Shredded Beef Chips a 1 Can of soda per person

Corn Tortillas Hard Shell Tortillas Nachos Rice / Arroz Beans / Frijoles Chips and Salsa person

COVID SAFETY

All attendees are encouraged to adhere to appropriate Covid Safety protocols in effect at the time of the tournament.

Kona Ice (kamk@kona-ice.com / 561-254-5076) will also be there from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (not included in the meal price).

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



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 3/24/21 and entries will be accepted up to 9:00 a.m. on the day of the event. For preentry, 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 9:30 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.



APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING!

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 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 contact our Scholarship Chairman, Ed Ridolph, at 967-2197.

SHARE <u>A</u> RECIPE

Submitted

- by -

Kim Kahant

LITTLE PIGS IN A HAMMOCK Pigs in a blanket aren't just for kids! Dijon

and Camembert transform this children's favorite into a version that's perfect for grown-ups.

----Crystal Schlueter, Northglenn, CO

Takes: 30 min. • Makes: 1½ dozen

- 1 pkg. (17.3 oz.) frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 3 Tbsp. seedless raspberry jam
- 1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 round (8 oz.) Camembert cheese
- 18 miniature smoked sausages
- large egg
- Tbsp. water

1. Preheat oven to 425°. Unfold pastry. Cut each pastry into 9 squares. Cut each square into 2 triangles. In a small bowl, mix jam and mustard; spread over triangles. Cut cheese in half crosswise; cut each half into 9 wedges.

2. Top each triangle with a cheese piece and a sausage. Fold pastry over sausage and cheese; press to seal. Place on a parchment-lined baking sheet. In a small bowl, whisk egg with water. Brush over pastries. Bake 15-17 minutes or until golden brown.

1 appetizer: 211 cal., 13g fat (5g sat. fat), 25mg chol., 312mg sod., 18g carb. (2g sugars, 2g fiber), 6g pro.

OOPS! - Every once and a while, a typo slips by the Editor and Proofreaders. In the January Newsletter, the "Share a

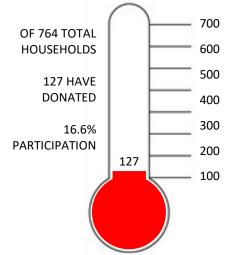
Recipe" article should have been titled "Roasted Brussels Sprouts" (not Brussel Sprouts), and the "B" is always capitalized. Why is that? It has to do with the origin of how Brussels sprouts got their name. Brussels sprouts are named after the fact that they were cultivated in Belgium in the 16th century and they are named after the Belgian capital city. Knowing this little fact will also help you remember that it's Brussels sprouts, not Brussel sprouts, and it's Brussels sprout if you're only referring to one sprout. But it's not surprising that none of the Newsletter readers sent a note pointing this out. In a poll recently done in Britain, more than three quarters (77%) refer to the fabled green balls as "Brussel sprouts. Just 18% of the public use the correct name, with the final 5% saying they "don't know". And now, you do!

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.



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 this year's Cornhole Tournament 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 11th, only 127 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 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.

REMINDER : You can make your annual donation to the Florida Gardens Civic Association either by check or by any credit card online from our website (floridagardens.net). Simply select "DONATE" from the main menu and follow the directions.



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 580 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.

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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. 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. Articles submitted must have the author's name, address and phone #. Only the name will be published with the article.

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!

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.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING :

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

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Doug was an active member in the community and when he became ill, Florida Gardens was behind him 100%.

Although he is gone, the recipe that took him years to perfect still lives on. If you have yet to experience the best BBQ sauce EVER, just call for a FREE sample.

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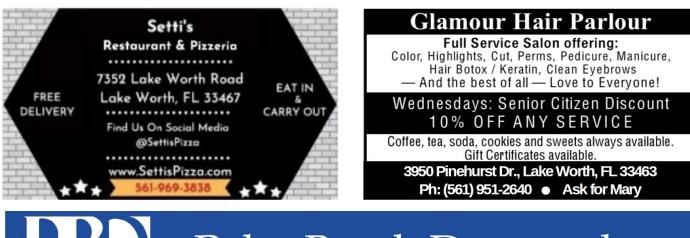


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