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www.floridagardens.net

Florida Gardens Newsletter

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Memorial Day Monday, May 27th



Remember our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

Did you know? Each year on Memorial Day a **National Moment of Remembrance** takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time. The National Moment of Remembrance, established by Congress in 2000, asks Americans, wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day, to pause in an act of national unity and remembrance for a duration of one minute.

Thank You!

Thanks to our volunteers, donations from Florida Gardens residents and good weather, our Community BBQ on April 6th and the Kids Easter Party on April 13th were both great events again this year. Go to our website - floridagardens.net - to see the photo galleries.



A special THANK YOU to our BBQ Volunteers:

- Spencer Palmer (Event Coordinator)
- Heather Saint and Penny Spring
- Wesley Spring Jr. and Wesley Spring Sr.
- Kim and Robert Kahant
- Robert and Rachel Phister
- Gary and Dillon Marcinkoski
- Sandra Dale; Mike Teets; Chris Jenson
- Julio Bermudez; Ron Conklin
- Terry Crosby, Gary Oliwa and Adan Ashley
- All our Cake Walk contributors
- Those who we failed to mention (Sorry!).
- and a VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Gary Marshall, Vince Gerace and the team for the great food.

THANK YOU to our Easter Party Volunteers:

- Kim Kahant (Event Coordinator)
- Penny Spring, Wesley Spring Jr and Wesley Spring Sr.
- Kim and Evan Saunders
- Rachel Phister
- Adan Ashley
- Tim Carpenter
- Gary Oliwa
- and a VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Easter Bunny, Dillon Marcinkoski



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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.

I would like to thank Gary Marshall for taking time out of his busy schedule to cook his outstanding pulled pork for our BBQ. I would like to also thank all of the volunteers that did show up to help set up, run and take down the BBQ event. I got to meet a few new volunteers, but I am sorry I am not great at remembering names. The BBQ was a great time, but I am saddened that the turnout was very low. From what I saw, the smiling faces from the adults and kids made up for the low turnout. The association is not looking to make money at these events, but Gary Marshall was looking to at least break even and did not. Please make sure to stop by his booth at the Bazaar and patronize his business. Now I am asking you to please email me to let me know what you think we need to do to get better turnouts, like Food trucks, hamburger and hotdog picnic, potluck get-together or something different. Please email me and let me know at the email below.

I would like to congratulate Hailey Smallwood and Rachel Phister on receiving the two \$1000.00 scholarships that Florida Gardens offers to our Florida Gardens graduating high school seniors. This is funded by your yearly donations and that is why we are grateful for those who contribute each year.

I noticed that there has been a lot of vehicle break-ins and attempts in our area. I do want everyone to understand it is not just our area. Lots of people at work say they have the same issues in their neighborhoods. I also see surrounding neighborhoods putting it on the Ring doorbell app showing the criminals between the hours of 1 and 4 a.m. checking car doors to see if they are locked. I know most people know that keeping your car locked does help. I realize that most of us lead busy lives and forget to lock our cars. I also do realize that most of us have smart phones and if you set an alarm to remind you every night to lock your car that may help.

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 app is a great source of social media that gets the word out fast. From 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.

The Association is looking to have a wood, single split rail fence installed around the back and south side of the Clubhouse. Does anybody living in Florida Gardens have a fencing business? Please let me know through the email below. We are not looking for free work, just would like to use companies in out neighborhood.

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

Hoping to see you at the next Residents Meeting on 6/13/19 @ 8pm in the clubhouse at 134 Ohio Rd. Please keep in mind that most of our meetings only last 30 mins.

Send correspondence to Spencer Palmer at floar: floar: fl

IMPORTANT REMINDER - The Association does NOT have a monthly meeting in July or August. After the meeting on June 13th, the next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 12th. Also, there is no Newsletter published over the summer. The next Newsletter will be distributed in September. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

As we have done each year for more than 35 years, the Florida Gardens Civic Association once again awarded scholarships to qualified graduating high school seniors from the Gardens who will be entering college in the fall. These awards are given annually in recognition of the academic achievements, the community service, and the hard work these students have shown during their high school careers. This is a long standing tradition in Florida Gardens, and it has enabled the Civic Association to reward more than 60 college-bound students over the years. The funding for these awards comes primarily from the annual donations made to the Association by involved members of the community. This year, at the May 9th Residents Meeting, the Civic Association awarded scholarships to the following two High School Seniors. Our thanks to Scholarship chairman Ed Ridolph for once again shouldering the task of identifying these deserving students. We're happy we can play a part as these students begin their college careers and wish both of our recipients much success in their continuing education.



Pictured above: Ed Ridolph (FGCA Scholarship Coordinator), Tom, Hailey and SK Smallwood, Spencer Palmer (FGCA President).

Hailey Smallwood

Our first recipient is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smallwood, long time residents of W. Cypress Road. Hailey is a graduate of Oxbridge Academy, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, the Cross Country and Track teams, was class treasurer in the 9th and 10th grades, and was awarded Deans List honors and Bronze Congressional award among her many other awards and activities. Hailey will be entering the University of Central Florida in the fall, where she will be majoring in civil engineering.

Rachel Phister

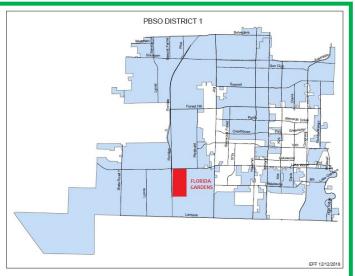
Our second recipient is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Phister and a life-long resident of W. Arch Drive. Rachel is a graduate of Santaluces High School, where she played tennis and attended the culinary academy. Rachel is undecided on a major, but she will begin her college career at Palm Beach State College, and then go on to FAU to complete her education.



Pictured above: Ed Ridolph (FGCA Scholarship Coordinator), Rachel and Fran Phister, Spencer Palmer (FGCA President).

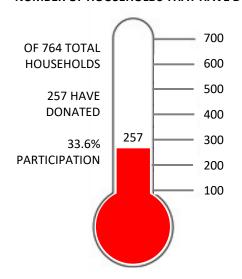
<u>PBSO AND FLORIDA GARDENS</u>

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) is the primary law enforcement provider in the County. Some municipalities (such as Boynton) have their own police force while others such as Wellington hire the PBSO to provide the service. PBSO has divided the county into 17 separate Districts. Each District operates from a different location and is headed by a District Commander. Florida Gardens is located within District 1. District 1 covers 53 square miles and has a documented population of approximately 130,000 residents. Historically, this patrol district has handled the greatest number of calls for service, which is normally in excess of 140,000 calls per year (which averages out to about 385 calls per day). The headquarters for District 1 is



located at the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office main headquarters building at 3228 Gun Club Road. There are 146 PBSO personnel assigned to our district, comprised of: 1 Captain; 1 Lieutenant; 14 Sergeants; 95 Patrol Deputies; 11 Detectives and 24 Support Personnel. For emergencies, always dial 911. For non-emergencies, call 561-688-3000.

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE DONATED



ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE STATUS

In January we kicked off our annual donation drive. We detailed how your donations fund the various community activities like the BBQ and Kids Easter Party held last month, and the two student scholarships awarded this month. 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.

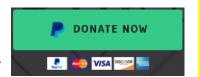
As of May 1st, 257 of our 764 households in Florida Gardens have recognized the need for their involvement and have been generous enough to donate. Most have donated \$30. Some have donated more. To everyone who has donated thus far, we say THANK YOU!

Although the donation deadline to receive a discounted Clubhouse rental rate has now passed, we accept donations at any time. Many of our most popular events occur during the year-end holiday period. 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.

If you have not yet done so, please consider what this great community has to offer and make a donation to help keep our activities funded.

YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE AS WELL AS BY CHECK.

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.



If you wish to still donate by check, please mail your donation to Florida Gardens Civic Association, P.O. Box 540906, Lake Worth, FL 33454-0906.

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 date for next month is June 13th. There are no monthly meetings in July or August. Meetings resume September 12th.

NEWSLETTER

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



The History of Memorial Day



Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday of May, honors the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

Early Observances

The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers. On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of "Decoration Day", as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle. On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

Evolution

Decoration Day originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

It is unclear where exactly the tribute tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo - which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866 — was chosen because it hosted a formal, annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of all soldiers with flowers and flags.

Formal designation

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday. Also, see the info on the front cover of this Newsletter regarding the National Moment of Remembrance which was established by Congress in 2000.

CLASSIFIEDS

Lost & Found - Child's bicycle safety helmet left at the Clubhouse after the Community BBQ. Contact Terry Crosby at 968-9970.

For Sale - Kimball piano (\$500 OBO); Treadmill (\$350 OBO); Cherry wood hutch (\$450). Email fanok2@bellsouth.net

Get Well Soon Wishes - To Sue Guthrie, long-time Civic Association President.

Thank You - To Joan Harrison who donated the funds to replace the damaged American flag at the Clubhouse.

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. Emergencies, missing pets, crime reports, classified ads and much more are all posted daily. As of May 1st, we had 513 households signed on. If you're not already 'connected', go to www.floridagardensfl.nextdoor.com and join. It's FREE.

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Remember to VISIT OUR WEBSITE - floridagardens.net - to see photo galleries of recent Community event, copies of past Newsletters, Clubhouse rental information, make a donation, and more. <u>And COMING SOON</u> - an index of articles that have appeared in recent Newsletters.

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.









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