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# Florida Gardens Newsletter

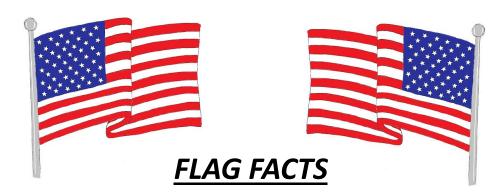
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Remember our fallen heros. They are the reason that we are free.

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.



A flag expert is called a "vexillologist".

The U.S. Flag, adopted on June 14, 1777, is the fourth oldest national flag in the world. Denmark's flag, adopted in 1219, is the oldest.

The blue field on the U.S. Flag is called the "union".

On Memorial Day, to honor all those who died in battle, the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff for the remainder of the day.

June 14 was proclaimed Flag Day by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916. While Flag Day was a popular celebration in scores of communities for many years after Wilson's proclamation, it didn't receive its official Congressional designation until 1949.

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#### From the President

By Spencer Palmer

Hello Everyone and Thank You All for taking the time to read your newsletter.

As always, I would like to thank all of our volunteers that make our neighborhood one of the outstanding and sought-after communities in Palm Beach County.

First off, I would like to talk about SPEEDING. This is a neighborhood, not a highway. This includes all side streets, Akron and Ohio. Nothing means more to me than the safety of our Florida Gardens children. One of our own FG kids was hit by a car on Coconut. This really saddens me, especially some of the comments that were made on the Nextdoor app. One of the biggest reasons I became president was for the kids and future of Florida Gardens. I really hope this brings awareness to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and they put us on the list faster to perform speed traps within the neighborhood. Like I said before, I have requested more speed bumps on Akron and Ohio and am waiting to hear back from the county. I have been asked by some of our neighbors to have sidewalks installed along Akron. I know in the past some of us have not wanted them, but I think now is the time to do so for the Florida Garden kids sake.

Due to the circumstances we are going through, there are no definite events upcoming anytime soon. The biggest thing we need to do is make sure we are all safe and please proceed with caution. As soon as we are given the OK we will be starting some corn hole tournaments inside the clubhouse throughout the week in the evening times. We will be only having four teams at a time to keep up with social distancing, This will all lead up to another event like our last one, just not as long of a day, where we will just be having the finals and championships at our next event. As we get more information together we will have it on our Facebook page and on the Nextdoor app, so keep checking those social medias out.

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

Hoping to see you at the next Residents Meeting on 6/11/2020 @ 8pm in the clubhouse at 134 Ohio Rd, Covid-19 permitting.

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Visit our website @ floridagardens.net

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## <u>COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

#### Congratulations to the Class of 2020 !

The Board of Directors of the Florida Gardens Civic Association wishes all our graduating Seniors the best of luck in their future endeavors.



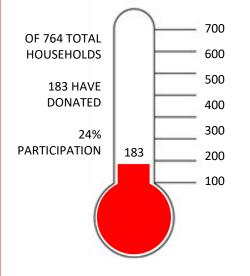
#### Come Together During the Current Medical Crisis

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

The April and May Association Meetings were cancelled due the medical crisis. The June meeting is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup>. Please monitor the Nextdoor App for information regarding the status of that meeting. As specified in our Association By-Laws, there are NO MEETINGS in July or August. After that, the monthly meetings are scheduled to resume on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE DONATED



## ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE STATUS

Given the current economic and social situation, it is understandable that our donations this year are down significantly from 2019.

As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 183 of our 764 households in Florida Gardens have still recognized the need for their involvement and support and have been generous enough to donate. To everyone who has donated thus far, we say THANK YOU!

Unfortunately, with the forced cancellation of all Clubhouse rentals since the beginning of March, Clubhouse rental revenue has been reduced to zero. The timing for resumption of Clubhouse rentals is unknown at this point. Most Association expenses have been reduced and capital expenditures have been delayed. Some expenses however must be paid regardless, and donations are the only revenue source at this point.

Please consider what this great community has to offer and if you can, make a donation of any amount to help keep our Association funded through this difficult time. THANK YOU !!

Note : 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>.

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## Topic of Interest for our Community

Submitted by Marie Reese

With the beautiful weather and the desire to get outdoors, many of us have been out walking and cycling in the neighborhood. We all want to stay safe as we do so. Please remember that in the state of Florida, bicycles are considered vehicles. They should be ridden with traffic on the right-hand side of the street just like cars and obey traffic laws. Cyclists should wear bright colors and use a white light in front and a red light in the rear if riding after sunset. Also, those that are walking in areas that do not have sidewalks, should walk against traffic on the left-hand side of the street. This allows for oncoming traffic to see you more easily and you won't be surprised by someone coming upon you from behind. You'll be more visible to motorists especially after sunset if wearing light colors. Pedestrians and cyclists please travel single file in areas where you'll encounter motor vehicles. The Florida Bicycle Association has a wealth of information and further details for cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists at their website www.floridabicycle.org. Let's all enjoy the outdoors safely.

**EDITOR'S NOTE** – Thank you for this important article, Marie. Many of our residents may not be aware that back in 1984, we actually had two separate pedestrian FATALITIES on Ohio Road. Thankfully, since the sidewalk was installed on Ohio in 1991 there have been no pedestrian fatalities, but there have been pedestrian and bicycle accidents resulting in injuries on several roads throughout our neighborhood through the years.

## USE CAUTION WHEN CHARGING A GOLF CART

Many of our residents enjoy the use of golf carts for travel around the neighborhood. Some are gas powered, but most are battery operated and require periodic charging. A little-known risk is charging a golf cart within a closed garage, especially if the batteries are low on water. The process of battery charging produces hydrogen, an explosive gas, which can be ignited by the operation of the electric motor on the garage door opener. There was a recent article in the Palm Beach Post about this risk. If you are going to charge your golf cart in the garage, make certain there is adequate ventilation and that the batteries are properly filled with water before you charge. Interestingly, hydrogen build-up can trigger a carbon monoxide detector. I actually know someone who this happened to. When their CO detector alerted them to a dangerous condition, they properly evacuated the house and called the fire department. The responders carefully vented the house without incident, but instructed the residents on the potential negative effects of charging their golf cart in their unvented garage.

## MORE FLORIDA GARDENS HISTORY

by Gary Oliwa

Another in a series of articles on the interesting history of our community.

Ever wonder why the streets on the southern half of the neighborhood all start with 'West...' (West Mango, West Palmetto, West Cypress, etc.)? To understand it, you have to go back to the original vision of Karl Beachler. In 1951, Mr. Beachler bought all the property from the Turnpike east to what is now the beginning of the Fountains community, with the grand plan of creating a small municipality called Florida Gardens Village. If you look at the original plat plan, the area to the east of our present community (the area we now know as Lucerne Lakes) was to be much like our present Florida Gardens layout. In fact, the area south of the L13 canal was to be a mirror image of our community today. Thus, while the streets on the west side of Ohio Road were West Mango, West Cypress, etc., the matching streets on the east side of Ohio were to be East Mango, East Cypress, etc. Sales of lots started in the west 'half', so all the 'West...' streets were built. However, the grand vision was not to be. Mr. Beachler recognized that what was trending in the Florida real estate market were golf course communities, so he abandoned the original plot plan and instead the Lucerne Lakes golf community we know today was created.

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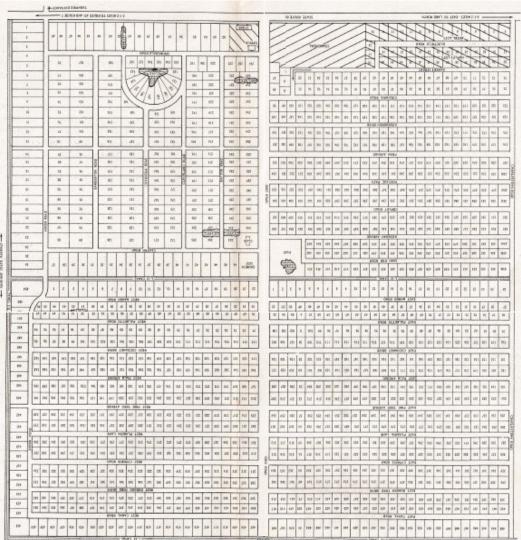
by Gary Oliwa

By the way, the street we know today as West Arch Drive wasn't originally that at all. It was to be West Canal Road (and its East Canal Road counterpart). Because canal property was desirable, a few of the lots along what is today East Arch Drive were sold. For a reason I have yet to uncover, the East Canal Road name was dropped and it was changed to (simply) Arch Drive. At some point after that, another change was made to designate the East and West Arch Drive roads we have today. Since some properties there had already been sold, that small section of Florida Gardens along East Arch Drive was not converted into the Lucerne Lakes golf community.

It was because of Mr. Beachler's original grand vision for the area that he successfully lobbied the Governor and the Florida Turnpike Authority to build the access ramps to the Florida Turnpike (then called the Sunshine State Parkway) from Lake Worth Road. When it opened in the spring of 1959, it was designated Interchange #32. Archives contain a picture of Mr. Beachler, Governor Leroy Collins and other dignitaries at the ribbon cutting when the Turnpike access was opened.

Speaking of our archives, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Libby Eagen, one of Florida Gardens first residents, for saving and donating almost all the historic memorabilia on the early days of Florida Gardens.

I hope you enjoyed this brief look at some more of the history behind our community.



#### ORIGINAL PLOT PLAN OF FLORIDA GARDENS VILLAGE

## Share a Recipe

14-oz can of no-salt-added

petite diced tomatoes

## SPANISH RICE AND FISH

The recipe for this dish calls for talapia, but feel free to swap in your favorite. Cod or catfish are good options.

#### Directions :

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Bring water, tomatoes and rice mix to a boil in a saucepan. Remove from heat and pour into a 2-qt or 8" x 8" baking dish. Cover tightly with foil and bake for 10 minutes.

7-oz box of Spanish rice mixdigitaly with for all1/2 lb tilapia filletsRemove from the

1/4 tsp pepper

4 lemon wedges

Remove from the oven and remove the foil. Place the tilapia fillets on top of the rice mixture. Sprinkle the fish with pepper. Top the fish with the lemon wedges. Replace the foil and return to the oven. Bake 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

## CLUBHOUSE RENTAL

FUTURE 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.



### **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 May 1st, we have 563 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.

## 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 two article from the community for publication (one of which is in this issue-Thank you!).

#### **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.

#### 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.

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