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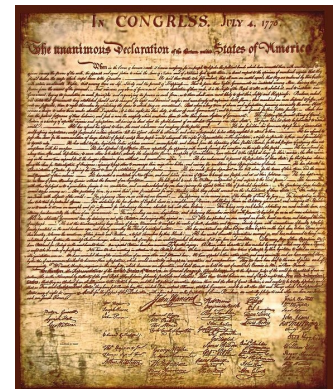
Memorial Day
Monday, May 31st

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

Independence Day

Sunday, July 4th

Federal Holiday Monday, July 5th



Did you know that the copy of the Declaration of Independence that we're most familiar with - the parchment with all the signatures at the bottom - didn't exist until August 2nd, 1776 and the document itself

was hand written by Timothy Matlack? Did you know that John Adams refused to celebrate July 4 as commemorating Independence Day, insisting that the true and correct date should be July 2nd? How about that John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died within hours of each other on July 4th, 1826 - the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, or that the word "independence" is not in the document?

Here are some interesting historical facts surrounding the creation of the document.

It was June 7, 1776 when the Second Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House in Philadelphia, where Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee voiced a motion calling for the colonies' independence.

Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee - Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Roger Sherman, Benjamin Franklin and Robert Livingston - to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

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From the President

By Spencer Palmer

Hello neighbors.

This has been a roller coaster past couple years, but it's almost over (I hope). For those of you that do not know, this is my last year of four years as President. The good thing is that the new President will have a great Board of Directors, but we are still looking for some more residents to step up and volunteer or run for office.

If you are interested in becoming Association Treasurer, this person shall need to have had past experience in bookkeeping. So if any of you are interested, you may contact me to see what the job entails.

Being the President these last four years has given me lots of experiences I would have never had if I had not become President. After living in the neighborhood for over 21 years, I have met a lot of neighbors that I never knew before taking this position. I have not accomplished everything I set out to do, but my team and I did get a lot done. We have acquired a lot of great Street Reps that do a great job. We have a great Board of Directors that does an outstanding job for our neighborhood. I am hoping that whoever replaces me has the same passion that our Board has.

On another note, I would like to thank Danny Wood & Mike Misko and their team of volunteers for the outstanding job they all did on the Cornhole Tournament and Neighborhood Get Together. It turned out great and everyone had an outstanding time including the kids.

We have changed the qualifications for the FGCA scholarships. Starting next year we will be accepting applications for students heading either to college and now also qualified trade schools. These scholarships are for high school seniors that have met all the qualifications along with 20 hours of volunteer services for our community. More information will be coming out early next year.

Volunteers are needed for the following:

Street Rep for Arch

Street Rep for Mango

Adult Event coordinator

Youth Volunteer coordinator

BEFORE YOU COMPLAIN HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED LATELY?

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

Hoping to see you at the next Residents Meeting on 6/10/2021 @ 8pm in the Clubhouse.

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Visit our website @ floridagardens.net

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Wishing you all the best, and be safe.

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 581 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 (floridagardens.net).

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 next three scheduled meeting dates are June 10th, September 9th and October 14th. There are no meetings in July or August.

April 24, 2021

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

and **COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHER**



The 2021 Florida Gardens Cornhole Tournament and Community Get-Together was held on April 24th 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 to see the full photo gallery from the event, and our Facebook page, Florida Gardens Civic Association, for a great aerial video taken by Fernando Ferreira..

FIRST PLACE—ADULT DIVISION :
Spencer Palmer and Kyle Black

RUNNER UP :
Joel Nystrom and Mike Persoon



ADDITIONAL THANKS:

- Fernando Ferreira of Premier Sound Entertainment
- Tacos Al Carbon
- Kona Ice



FIRST PLACE—ADULT/YOUTH :
Danny Wood and Corey Wood

RUNNER UP :
Lisa Wood and Avery Wood



FIRST PLACE—YOUTH DIVISION :
Corey Wood and Ryan Banionis

RUNNER UP :
Chase Nystrom and Tyler Nystrom



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On July 2nd, the Continental Congress officially declared its freedom from Great Britain when it voted to approve a formal statement of Lee's resolution. It is because of this that John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and through the remainder of his life would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at subsequent Independence Day events in protest.

After voting on independence on July 2, the Continental Congress then needed to draft a document explaining the move to the public. It was drafted by the Committee of Five (Adams, Sherman, Livingston, Franklin, and Jefferson) and it took two days for the Congress to agree on the final edits.

Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence document on July 4th, and from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

The Declaration of Independence document adopted on July 4, 1776 contained no signatures. Only John Hancock's name (as President of the Congress) was printed at the bottom. It was sent to a printer named John Dunlap. Congress ordered the same committee charged with writing the document to supervise the typesetting and printing. About 200 copies of that document were printed on the night of July 4, and distributed over the next two days throughout the thirteen states, including to George Washington, who directed that the Declaration be read to the troops on July 9. Another copy was sent to England. Today, 26 known copies remain.

On July 19th, Congress passed a resolution to create a signed version of the document on parchment. This copy was handwritten by clerk Timothy Matlack.

It wasn't until August 2, 1776 that 56 members of the Second Continental Congress started signing that parchment copy of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia. John Hancock's famous signature was in the middle, because of his status as President of the Congress. The other delegates signed by state delegation, proceeding in columns arranged from the northernmost state (New Hampshire) to the southernmost (Georgia).

This hand-written, signed parchment copy remained in the guarded custody of the Continental Congress.

In January 1777, Congress commissioned Mary Katherine Goddard to typeset and print a new copy that listed the signers of the Declaration. With the publication of this version, the public learned for the first time who had signed the Declaration. Incidentally, Mary Katherine Goddard affixed her name as printer at the bottom of her typeset version and thus became the only woman whose name ever appeared on any approved version of the document. Only 9 copies of this document version are known to still exist.

Throughout the Revolutionary War, the signed parchment was moved with the Continental Congress, which relocated several times to avoid the British army. In 1789, after creation of a new government under the United States Constitution, the Declaration was transferred to the custody of the Secretary of State. The document was evacuated to Virginia when the British attacked Washington, D.C. during the War of 1812.

By 1820, the document's ink was noticeably fading. Secretary of State John Quincy Adams commissioned printer William J. Stone to create an engraving essentially identical to the original document. When Stone finished his engraving in 1823, Congress ordered 200 copies to be printed on parchment. Because of poor conservation of the original document through the 19th century, Stone's engraving, rather than the original, has become the basis of most modern reproductions.

From 1841 to 1876, the original document was publicly displayed on a wall opposite a large window at the Patent Office building in Washington, D.C. Exposed to sunlight and variable temperature and humidity, the document faded badly. In 1876, it was sent to Independence Hall in Philadelphia for exhibit during the Centennial Exposition, which was held in honor of the Declaration's 100th anniversary, and then returned to Washington the next year. In 1892, the document was sealed between two plates of glass and placed in storage. For nearly 30 years, it was exhibited only on rare occasions at the discretion of the Secretary of State.

In 1921, custody of the Declaration was transferred to the Library of Congress. Funds were appropriated to preserve the document in a public exhibit that opened in 1924. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, the document was moved for safekeeping to the United States Bullion Depository at Fort Knox in Kentucky, where it was kept until 1944.

For many years, officials at the National Archives believed that they, rather than the Library of Congress, should have custody of the Declaration and the Constitution. The transfer finally took place in 1952, and the documents, along with the Bill of Rights, are now on permanent display at the National Archives. Although encased in helium, by the early 1980s the documents were threatened by further deterioration. In 2001, using the latest in preservation technology, conservators treated the documents and transferred them to encasements made of titanium and aluminum, filled with inert argon gas. They were put on display again with the opening of the remodeled National Archives Rotunda in 2003 where they can still be seen today.

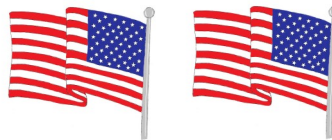


**EASTER BUNNY
MEET-&-GREET**
March 27th 2021

Very special thanks to Danny "E.B." Wood, Mike Misko and Kimberly Serio for putting together this special event in place of our annual Kids Easter Party this year, and Spencer Palmer for coordinating our first-ever Easter Golf Cart Parade!



SEE THE FULL PHOTO GALLERY OF THIS EVENT ON OUR WEBSITE - floridagardens.net - UNDER THE "PHOTO GALLERY" TAB



MEMORIAL DAY



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.

For more information on Memorial Day, see the article on the History of Memorial Day in our May 2019 issue (Pg 5) and Flag Facts on the cover of our May 2020 issue. All Newsletters starting from 2016 are available to read on our Website (floridagardens.net).

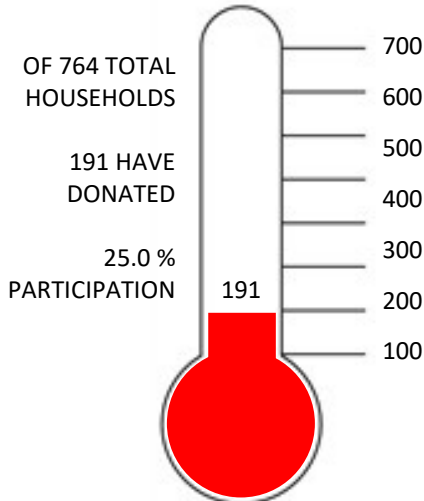
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NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE DONATED

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 and Community Get Together, and the Kids Easter Meet-&-Greet). 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.

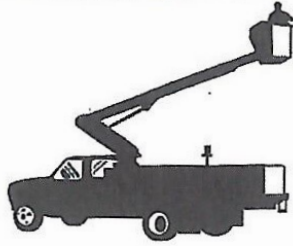
As of May 9th, only 191 of our 764 households in Florida Gardens have recognized the need for their involvement and have been generous enough to donate. Most have donated \$30. Some have donated more. To everyone who has donated thus far, we say THANK YOU!

Donations are accepted any time of the year. Use our website to make your donation online with any credit card, or download a donation coupon from our website for those of you who like to donate by check. 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.

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	ARCH		CANTON		COCONUT		CYPRESS		MANGO		PALM		PINE TREE		RUBBER TREE		LK WORTH RD	
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Vehicle Crash	1																	
Alarm	1												1					
Assist to Another Dept					1												1	
Resident Chk	21	1	1	3	1	3	1		1	1	11		1	1			3	
Domestic / Civil			1													1	1	
Missing Person															1			
Juvenile Trouble	2				1													
Police Serv. Call Information	1		1								1	1						
Fraud/Embezzlement							1				2			1				
Welfare Check																	1	
Serving Warrant																		
Suspicious Person					1				1	2								
Vandalism			1								1							
Conduct Check											1							
Vehicle Stop											1							
Suspicious Vehicle	1										1							
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