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Happy Thanksgiving



Happy Hanukkah



Merry Christmas

Happy New Year



LIMITED 2020 CHRISTMAS EVENTS

DAY AND NIGHT GOLF CART PARADES

- PLUS -

HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST

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HALLOWEEN TRUNK-OR-TREAT PHOTOS

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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.

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

First off, I would like to welcome our new neighbors. I have seen many homes sell and very fast at that. Owners or renters, you are welcome to our Resident Meetings. We had a great turnout at our November's social distancing meeting. Thank you all for coming out to support our community.

Due to the circumstances we are going through, there are no definite clubhouse neighborhood events upcoming anytime real soon. The biggest thing we need to do is make sure we are all safe and please proceed with caution.

Our inside Christmas party will not be happening, but our toy drive, daytime and nighttime golf cart parades will be happening. For those in the parade, please make sure to join us just before 1pm and 7pm in the church driveway across the street from the Clubhouse.

VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING OUR ANNUAL FGCA OFFICER ELECTION:

Normally, annual elections are held at our December meeting for our FGCA Officers for the coming year. The worsening Covid-19 crisis may prevent or at least impact this, and so we are working on possible alternatives to the normal election process. If you are interested in running for any Officer position, please contact me via text or call to 561-685-4229 so we are aware of your interest and can keep you informed of any election process changes.

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

Hoping to see you at the next Residents Meeting on 12/10/2020 @ 8pm in the clubhouse at 134 Ohio Rd, Covid-19 permitting.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT — FGCA Officers Election

Per our Association By-Laws, the election of our five Officers for the following calendar year is supposed to be held at the regularly scheduled Association meeting on Thursday, December 10th at 8:00 pm in the Clubhouse. To become an Officer, an individual must be a Member of the Association but need not be a member of the current voting Board of Directors. Individuals may nominate themselves.

This year, the Covid-19 concerns may impact our normal election process. If you are interested in being considered for any of the Officer positions, consult the Association By-Laws posted on our website for information on the various duties and expectations, then contact Spencer Palmer via text or call at 561-685-4229 to make your intention known.

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 December 10th, January 14th and February 11th, but subject to change due to Covid-19 restrictions.

LIMITED 2020 CHRISTMAS EVENTS DETAILS

Christmas has always been a special, fun time in Florida Gardens. Unfortunately, the current Covid-19 situation has forced us to cancel the annual Kids Christmas Party. However, we will still have the Golf Cart Parades and the Christmas Decorating Contest which are detailed below. And besides the Christmas Eve luminaries, we will attempt to add a new Florida Gardens tradition-*The Ringing of Bells*. See the information below.

CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADES (Day & Night)

On Saturday, December 19th, we will have our annual Christmas Golf Cart Parades. **GOLF CARTS ONLY, PLEASE.** The daytime parade will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the nighttime parade for lighted carts starting at 7:00 p.m. If you have a decorated cart, please join in the fun. The parade route will be posted on Nextdoor.com.



SAFETY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We need a few safety volunteers to block automobile traffic at intersections as the parade passes. Contact Spencer Palmer at 561-649-9770 or email floridagardensca@gmail.com to volunteer and keep our parades safe.

ANNUAL FLORIDA GARDENS CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

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Once again, judges will select the three overall best decorated houses as well as three overall honorable mentions. Plus, the best house on each street (exclusive of any overall winner on the same street) will be selected. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top 3 overall presentations.

1st Place - \$300 / 2nd Place - \$150 / 3rd Place - \$50

IMPORTANT : Judging will take place the nights of Saturday, December 19th and Sunday, December 20th, from 7:00 –9:00 pm, so **BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR DISPLAY FULLY LIT DURING THOSE TWO NIGHTS.**

CHRISTMAS EVE LUMINARIES

If you are interested in working to light your street with luminaries on Christmas Eve, you must contact your Street Rep by December 11th. Each Street Rep will be responsible for determining if the number of volunteers is sufficient and will coordinate the work for their street.



CHRISTMAS EVE “RINGING OF THE BELLS”

This year, we are asking interested residents to celebrate Christmas Eve by participating in a worldwide outdoor “Ringing of the Bells” ceremony by simply ringing a bell of any kind (the louder the better) outside for 2 minutes at 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve. More information can be found on Facebook at “Worldwide Christmas Eve Jingle 2020”.

2020 HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS



Congratulations to the winners of this year's Halloween Decorating Contest that was again sponsored by Able Plumbing. See photos of all the winners on our website (www.floridagardens.net)

First Place -	103 Pine Tree
Second Place -	217 Ohio
Third Place -	129 Cleveland
Honorable Mention -	32 Mango
No Particular Order	38 Pine Tree
	85 Palmetto

NOTE : Those who won cash prizes for their great displays last year were ineligible for recognition this year.

CONDOLENCES



Our Condolences to Amy Schoen and sons Gary, Eric and Adam in the loss of her husband and the boy's father **Marc Schoen**, who passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 19. Our Prayers are with you.

Submitted by Sue Guthrie

Colonel Robert Newbern, a longtime and active member of the Florida Gardens community, passed away on Veterans Day, November 11, 2020, at the age of 99. A Florida native, he was born in Sebring on July 26, 1921. He had resided on Plumosa Lane, adjoining "Newbern Park," since June, 1974, following his retirement after a long and distinguished career as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. At the time of his passing he was the oldest known resident of Florida Gardens, and, as a member of the "Greatest Generation," the last known veteran of World War 2 still living in Florida Gardens. We noted the Colonel's 99th birthday in the September issue of the Florida Gardens Newsletter, and we were looking forward to celebrating his 100th, which unfortunately didn't come to pass.



Colonel Newbern is survived by his wife Florence, his children and numerous other relatives, and his many friends, both in Florida Gardens and elsewhere. We recognize and thank him for his long service to his country, and needless to say, he will be missed.

Submitted by Ed Ridolph

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.



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 November 1st, we have 575 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.



SPECIAL THANKS!

To Alanna Harman, Danny Wood and Kimberly Serio
...who organized a great, participant-safe Golf Cart
Trunk-or-Treat for our neighborhood kids. Over 100
trick-or-treaters collected candy and gifts.



Another Bit of Florida Gardens History

by Gary Oliwa

In my article in the May 2020 Newsletter on Florida Gardens History, I made mention of Karl Beachler's efforts to have a Turnpike Interchange constructed at Lake Worth Road to support his vision of his planned Florida Gardens Village. He successfully lobbied the Governor and the Turnpike Authority to build the interchange to what was at that time called the Sunshine State Parkway, and according to Angela Starke, who is the Communications Director in the Florida Turnpike Communications Office, a formal ribbon cutting ceremony for the interchange was held on October 15th, 1960. The photo below was taken at the ceremony. Some of the dignitaries that are in the photo are as follows:

The two gentlemen in the dark suits at the center are, on the left, Thomas B. Manuel ("The Father of the Turnpike" as the first Chairman of the Turnpike Authority), and on the right, then Governor LeRoy Collins. The tall gentleman shown left of Mr. Manuel is Charles B. Costar, an influential businessman who persuaded Florida officials in 1953 to authorize construction of the Turnpike. Karl Beachler is to the right and in back of Governor Collins. We have also been told that John Pennekamp is present in the photo, but we don't know which one he is. Also, another individual in the photo is then Florida Senator George Smathers. Beyond that, we do not know the names of anyone else in the photo.

If you would like to learn more about the Florida Turnpike, there is a great pamphlet which was released for the Turnpike's 50th anniversary that can be accessed at <http://tpkforms.com/floridasturnpike/documents/reports/50thBookFinal.pdf>



Karl Beachler

FLORIDA GARDENS CRIME REPORT											09/01/20-10/31/20				Compiled by Sue Guthrie			
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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 articles 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!

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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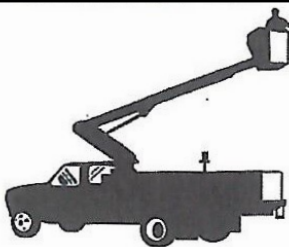
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