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# Florida Gardens Newsletter

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*Happy Hanukkah*

*Merry Christmas*

*Happy New Year*

**2021 CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

**KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY RETURNS !!**

**DAY AND NIGHT GOLF CART PARADES**

**- PLUS -**

**HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST**

**SEE INSIDE FOR ALL THE DETAILS**

## HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL AND TRUNK-OR-TREAT PHOTOS

AN EVENT SUMMARY IS ON PAGE 5. ALSO, GO TO OUR WEBSITE -  
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TO SEE MORE PHOTOS OF THE 2021 HALLOWEEN EVENTS.

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## **From the President**

**By Spencer Palmer**

Hello neighbors:

Time is ticking and the Florida Gardens Officers elections are here at this December's meeting. I am hoping for a full Board turnout so we have a quorum for this meeting. Residents please keep in mind that only the Board members can vote in the Officers election.

Now I would like to welcome our new Street Rep for Arch, Dianne Bertrand and thank Dianne for stepping up and taking time out of her day to help her community. We are also looking for a Street Rep for Cypress, please let me know if you are interested.

I would also like to thank Sandra Dale for stepping up to fill some big shoes as the Scholarship Coordinator. Sandra is taking the place of Ed Ridolph who has sadly left us and took his place in heaven. Ed and his wife Sara have been residents of Florida Gardens since 1974 and during this time Ed has been the Scholarship Coordinator for over 37 years along with serving as President, Vice President and many other positions and volunteering in our community and he will be sorely missed. My condolences to Sara and the rest of the Ridolph family.

As my time as President comes to an end, again I would like to thank all of the volunteers that have stepped up to help me out over the last four years. I really do appreciate all of the help you gave me through my time as President. I have said in the past, that there is nobody that does more for the FGCA than Gary Oliwa. This man puts in more time and effort than any other volunteer we have. Gary coordinates the FGCA website, FGCA newsletter along with getting them printed, picked up, separated and delivered to each Street Rep. He heads the By-Laws committee, attends County meetings, volunteers at every event we have, along with other thankless jobs he takes on. Without Gary we would not have a newsletter and we would be having to pay someone to do the website. Whenever you see Gary, please stop and thank him for everything that he does for our neighborhood.

**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 12/09/2021 @ 8pm in the Clubhouse at 134 Ohio Rd

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Wishing you all the best, and be safe.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **IMPORTANT — FGCA Officers Election**

All adult residents are members of the Florida Gardens Civic Association. Per our Association By-Laws, the election of our five Officers for the following calendar year will be held at the regularly scheduled Residents Meeting on Thursday, December 9th at 8:00 pm in the Clubhouse. To become an Officer, an individual must be a resident of Florida Gardens but need not be a member of the current voting Board of Directors. Individuals may nominate themselves. Nominees must be present at the meeting.

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.

### **Upcoming Residents 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. Mark your calendar for the next three scheduled meeting dates which are December 9th, January 13th and February 10th.

## **2021 CHRISTMAS EVENTS DETAILS**

Christmas has always been a special, fun time in Florida Gardens. This year the Kids Christmas Party returns! Plus, we will still have the Golf Cart Parades and the Christmas Decorating Contest which are detailed below.

### **KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY and TOY DRIVE**



Our annual Kids Christmas Party for the residents of Florida Gardens returns this year and will take place on Saturday, December 18th. The Party will begin PROMPTLY at 10:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Be there on time to see Santa's arrival. Free drinks and snacks will be provided.

**IMPORTANT:** If you want your child to receive a gift from Santa, please have it wrapped, tagged with the child's first and last name and delivered to the Clubhouse either Friday night between 6:30 and 7:30 or early Saturday morning before the party.

**TOY DRIVE :** We are asking everyone in the community to donate a toy for a needy child. Please bring an UNWRAPPED toy to the Clubhouse on that Friday night or early Saturday morning. Collected toys will be given to Toys for Tots.

### **CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADES (Day & Night)**

On Saturday, December 18th, 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 the same as that followed for the Halloween parade.



**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](mailto:floridagardensca@gmail.com) to volunteer and keep our parades safe.

### **ANNUAL FLORIDA GARDENS CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST**

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**NOTE**—To encourage more residents to participate, those who won cash prizes for their great displays last year are ineligible for recognition this year.

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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 18th and Sunday, December 19th, 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 10th. Each Street Rep will be responsible for determining if the number of volunteers is sufficient and will coordinate the work for their street.





## **Lucerne Lakes Golf Course Conversion Update**

On October 28th, the Palm Beach County Commission approved the conversion of the Lucerne Lakes Golf Course by a 4-2 vote. However, based on a number of questions from the Commissioners directed to the County Attorney as a result of documents provided by the residents and their attorney, it is likely that the next step will be a court battle.

### **Florida Gardens History:**

Can you guess the location of this Florida Gardens Photo?

If you guessed the community entrance at Ohio Road, you would be wrong. Those of us who have lived in this community for quite a number of years know that Karl Beachler (the developer of Florida Gardens) and his wife Mary lived in the home on Ohio Road just north of the church. But most do not know that it wasn't their first house in Florida Gardens (actually not even their second). Karl and Mary first lived in a house that was built right at the Akron



entrance just about where the Gold Mine sits today. This photo of their house was taken from Lake Worth Road at the Akron Road entrance in 1953 as the community was first being laid out. The turnpike construction had not even been approved yet, let alone started. When Lake Worth Road was widened to 4 lanes in the late 1970's and the area was developing rapidly, the residential properties along it became highly desirable for commercial use. The corner property in the photo where the Beachler house stood (they had long since moved to another house) was sold to Exxon Corporation in 1986. The house was demolished and a gas station was constructed there. Over the years, that gas station was sold to Chevron, then converted to a travel center and finally to the Gold Mine business there today.

### **NEXTDOR** - 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 581 households signed on. If you're not already 'connected', go to [www.floridagardensfl.nextdoor.com](http://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](http://floridagardens.net)).



**Our Lake Worth Campus in Florida Gardens is Coming Soon!**

**Please check out our new website at**

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# 2021 HALLOWEEN EVENTS



## SPECIAL THANKS!

To Danny Wood, Alanna Harman, Kimberly Serio, Mike Misko and their teams of volunteers who staged a remarkable evening of Halloween fun this year. Unlike last year, the weather was perfect!



We had 174 kids who enjoyed food and games at the Halloween Carnival.



We had over 30 Carts handing out treats at the Trunk-or-Treat

We had 27 Golf Carts participate in the Halloween Golf Cart Parade.



We had a great turn-out for the movie which concluded the evening of fun.

Again, THANK YOU to everyone who helped put together this memorable group of events. More photos on our website:

[www.floridagardens.net](http://www.floridagardens.net)



## 2021 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](http://www.floridagardens.net))

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| First Place -       | 115 Palmetto |
| Second Place -      | 175 Ohio     |
| Third Place -       | 236 Ohio     |
| Honorable Mention - | 32 Mango     |
| No Particular Order | 85 Pine Tree |
|                     | 111 Dayton   |

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

## CONDOLENCES



We sadly report the unexpected passing of long-time resident Ed Ridolph. Ed worked tirelessly for our community since moving here in 1974. Through the years, Ed devoted countless volunteer hours, served terms as a President, Vice President and a Director at Large of our Civic Association, was publisher of our Newsletter, served with his wife Sara as Street Rep of West Plumosa and most notably was responsible for coordinating the annual selection of the recipient(s) of our Scholarship Awards. We all owe Ed a sincere Thank You for his contributions to Florida Gardens and extend our condolences to Sara and the rest of the Ridolph family.

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	ARCH		CANTON		COCONUT		CYPRESS		MANGO		PALM		PINE TREE		RUBBER TREE		LK WORTH RD	
Burglary of Vehicle					2		2		1		1				1			
Disturbance										3								
Stolen Tag			1													1		
Assist to Another Dept				1								1	1					
Resident Check	24	5	4	10	5	5	8	8	3	4	26	9	3	8	7	7	11	6
Domestic /Civil		1			2		1	2			1			1				
Missing Person			1															
Neighbor Trouble		1																
Police Serv. Call Info	1		1		2						1		2					
Fraud							1				1							
Welfare Check					1													
Residential Burglary											1							
Suspicious Person					1		1								2			
Vandal / Theft / Trespass											2							
Vehicle Crash															1			
Missing Person Found			1															
Suspicious Vehicle and Incident	1		1								2						1	
Conduct Check	1		1		1		3		1		1	1		1				
Drug Case							1											
Hate Crime														1				
Noise//Fireworks	1						2				1							

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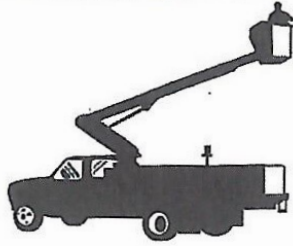
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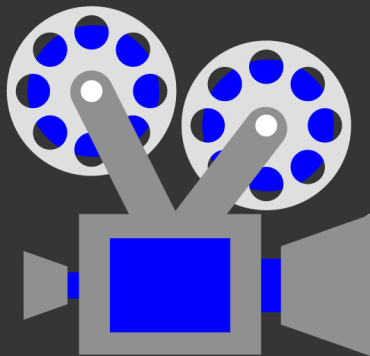
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