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### STREET REPS

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# Florida Gardens Newsletter

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*Happy Hanukkah*



*Merry Christmas*

*Happy New Year*



## 2022 CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Saturday, December 17th

**KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**DAY AND NIGHT GOLF CART PARADES**

- PLUS -

**HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST**

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**HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL AND TRUNK-OR-TREAT PHOTOS**

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## **STREET REPS**

UPDATED 3/15/22

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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 will be held at the regularly scheduled Residents Meeting on Thursday, December 8th 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 election 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**

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month except July and August, 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 8th, January 12th and February 9th.

### **CRITICAL NEED FOR STREET REPS - AT LEAST READ THIS**

Every resident in Florida Gardens is a member of the Florida Gardens Civic Association, Inc. The Association is governed by a representative Board of Directors, which consists of five elected Officers, three appointed Directors at Large, and 19 Street Representatives. The Street Reps are the voice of the residents. Their input helps shape the function, activities and direction of the Community. Without their representation, the residents have no voice. But as critical as the position of Street Rep is, it takes very little time or effort. You don't even have to be a resident of the street you represent (although that is always the preference). The 'duties' of a Street Rep are simple and outlined in the By-Laws. First, since you represent the residents, attend the monthly Residents Meeting. There are only 10 per year (we don't meet in July or August) and last about an hour or less. There can even be two people acting as a Street Rep for a street - a Primary and a Secondary so if one can't make it the other can take their place. Second, the Street Rep is responsible for insuring that the community Newsletter, published 5 times per year, gets delivered to all the houses on their street. This doesn't mean you have to do it yourself (but it is a good way to connect with the people you represent). If necessary, you can find someone to do it for you. Your responsibility is simply that it gets done. That's about it. So why, with an average of about 44 houses per street, is it so difficult to find a few people willing and able to support this community by filling the current and pending Street Rep vacancies? If this simple but vital activity is something you would be willing to volunteer for, please contact Mike Misko . Get involved in your Community.

**BE PART OF THE SOLUTION :** It's unfortunately common that people complain about a problem but don't do anything to solve it. At the September and October Residents Meetings, there were complaints raised about the 300' strip of property along Springdale Road behind CVS. The area had become heavily overgrown, littered with garbage and an occasional resting place for a few individuals. Despite the issue being raised to CVS officials, nothing was done until our Clubhouse Manager, Terry Ann Crosby, decided to take action on her own. Over several weeks, she removed invasive plants, trimmed down overgrown brush and removed all the litter and debris. Luckily, a few individuals saw her working and decided to pitch in. Jamie Roberts and his stepson Danny cut down and trailered to the landfill numerous loads of vegetation. Other people at least stopped and provided refreshments and some helped dispose of the numerous bags of landscape debris. Two concrete benches were donated and installed in the school bus stop area. The work is still ongoing but the eyesore has been eliminated because one person took the initiative to fix a problem rather than just complain about it. Thanks to Terry, Jamie and the other residents who have assisted and become part of the solution.



BEFORE

AFTER



## **2022 CHRISTMAS EVENTS DETAILS**

Christmas has always been a special, fun time in Florida Gardens. This year we will again have the Kids Christmas Party, Day & Night 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 will take place on Saturday, December 17th. 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

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

On Saturday, December 17th, 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 safety volunteers to block automobile traffic at intersections as the parade passes. Contact Spencer Palmer at 561-685-4229 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.

**IMPORTANT :** Judging will take place the night of Friday, December 23rd from 7:00 –10:00 pm, so

**BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR DISPLAY FULLY LIT THAT NIGHT.**

### **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.









# 2022 HALLOWEEN EVENTS

## SPECIAL THANKS!



To Kimberly Serio, Alanna Harman, Danny Wood, Mike Misko and their teams of volunteers who staged another remarkable evening of Halloween fun this year.

We had over 200 kids who enjoyed food and games at the Halloween Carnival and Trunk-or-Treat.



Special Thank Yous - to Little Caesars Pizza in Jog Plaza for donating all the pizza (see their ad in this Newsletter), and Florida Gardens Baptist Church for providing their Bounce House and popcorn (see their ad also).

We had many Golf Carts handing out treats .

We had almost 60 Golf Carts at the start of the Halloween Golf Cart Parade.

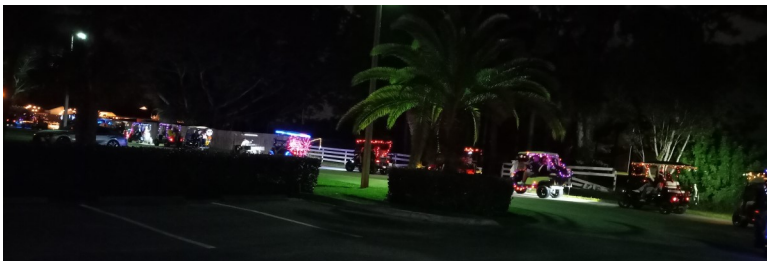


We had a great turn-out for the movie which concluded the evening of fun.

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)



## 2022 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))

First Place -	236 Ohio
Second Place -	93 Cuyahoga
Third Place -	85 Pine Tree
Honorable Mention -	85 Plumosa
(No particular order)	55 Coconut
	129 Cleveland

## **Traffic Accidents at Lake Worth Road / Ohio Road**

by Gary Oliwa

It should be no surprise to anyone in Florida Gardens that the intersection of Ohio Road and Lake Worth Road is a dangerous one that has been the location of numerous accidents. After contacting the Palm Beach County Traffic Engineering department, I spoke with a traffic engineer and was encouraged to submit a request for a traffic study and recommendations for improvements. On October 17th I submitted a report on the problem and a proposed solution which simply involved changes to the traffic control signaling. Without a response, I submitted a follow-up request for an update on November 9th. As of this writing I have yet to receive any response. The engineer I spoke with confirmed my suspicion that since Lake Worth Road is a state-controlled road and Ohio and Nassau roads are county roads, any modification to the intersection signaling would require approval and coordination from representatives at both the State and County level. I will continue to pursue action in the hopes that something can be done to improve the safety at that intersection.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - From Ed Hinkle, President of the Lucerne Lakes HOA**  
**Unlicensed golf carts are not permitted anywhere in the Lucerne Lakes Community. PBSD is hired by the Lucerne Lakes HOA to patrol the community and will ticket unlicensed golf carts as well as underage operators. For your own benefit, please keep golf carts within the friendly boundaries of Florida Gardens.**



Brian Katz

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Adult Event Coordinator.

### **THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 7:00 p.m.**

Hi neighbors. Remember to join us on the third Tuesday of each month for Adult-only Game Night at the Florida Gardens Clubhouse for those 21 and over, starting at 7:00 pm. We set up a few tables and have some games available, but bring any games you think others would enjoy playing. Bring your own refreshments. This is a great time to come hang out/meet Florida Gardens neighbors whether or not you want to play. If you have any questions, thoughts or suggestions you can email [FloridaGardensEvents@gmail.com](mailto:FloridaGardensEvents@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

## **CLUBHOUSE RENTAL INFO**

FOR INFORMATION ON RENTING THE CLUBHOUSE, FIRST VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [www.floridagardens.net](http://www.floridagardens.net) AND CLICK ON THE CLUBHOUSE TAB. REVIEW THE INFORMATION AND THEN CALL TERRY AT 561-968-9970\* TO SCHEDULE YOUR EVENT. RESERVE EARLY - WE ALREADY HAVE DATES BOOKED IN LATE 2023!

**\*VOICE MAIL ONLY—DO NOT SEND TEXTS TO THIS NUMBER.**



## **NEXTDOOR and FACEBOOK - Our Neighborhood Social Media Sites**

Use Nextdoor and Facebook to keep up with day-to-day happenings in our community as well as the communities around us. If you have a Facebook account, check out our page at "Florida Gardens Civic Association". Make sure you're on the "Community" page.

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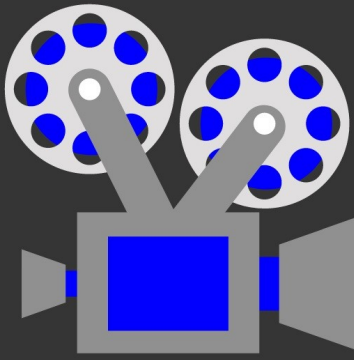
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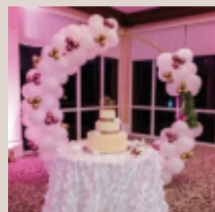
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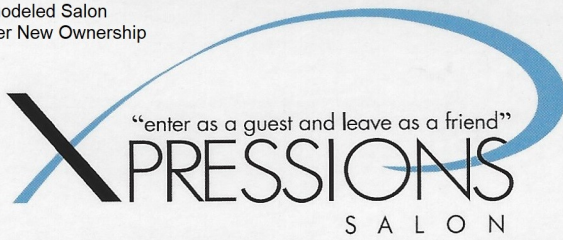
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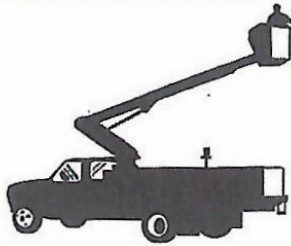


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