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2023 HOLIDAY EVENTS

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY
PROMPTLY AT 10:00 AM

TOY DRIVE

BLOOD DRIVE
BLOODMOBILE 10 AM - 2 PM

**DAY & NIGHT GOLF CART
PARADES**

SEE THE PARADE ROUTE MAP ON PAGE 4

**HOLIDAY DECORATIONS
CONTEST**

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FOR DETAILS



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Merry Christmas

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6TH 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 in last year's contest are ineligible for cash prizes this year.

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As in previous years, judges will select the 6 best community-wide holiday décor presentations. Plus, the best house on each street (exclusive of any overall winner on the same street) will be selected by each Street Rep.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three, with honorable mention to the rest.

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

To allow all our residents to put up last minute decorations, judging will not take place until the night of SATURDAY, December 23rd, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Signs will be placed in the winning yards on Christmas Eve.



2023 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - People like to attend these events but few ever want to **HELP**. If you would be willing to volunteer to help with Christmas Party support (before, during AND after), please contact Kimberly Serio (561) 762-4356 (**Setup is FRIDAY from 6-8 PM and the Party needs support Saturday from 9:30 am until clean-up is complete**). High School students - this is an opportunity for Community Service hours.



KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY and TOY DRIVE

Our annual Kids Christmas Party for the residents of Florida Gardens will take place on Saturday, December 16th. 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. There will also be a silent auction. Cash or check for the winning bid. See Page 4 for more information.

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 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm or Saturday morning after 9:30 am but before the party.



TOY DRIVE : Again this year, 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 Saturday morning (see paragraph above). Collected toys will be given to Toys for Tots.

CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADES (Day 1:00 pm & Night 7:00 pm)

On Saturday, December 16th, 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 map is shown on Page 4 along with additional information.**



SAFETY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - We need safety volunteers to block automobile traffic at intersections as the parade passes. Contact Mike Misko at 561-629-6121 or email floridagardensca@gmail.com to volunteer and keep our parades safe.

BLOOD DRIVE - Bloodmobile 10:00 am Until 2:00 pm.

At our Annual Christmas Party, we are offering a new way to give back this year by giving someone a lifesaving Christmas present.

Sabrina Mesa is the daughter of longtime residents of West Cypress. In July Sabrina was diagnosed with Severe Aplastic Anemia. She has received numerous blood and platelet transfusions that helped save her life, and this year her wish is to give back to others by spreading awareness and helping others to receive the lifesaving treatment she did. We are a family here and as a neighborhood we would love to help her on her mission. She is still battling this condition but has found the strength to try to help save others.

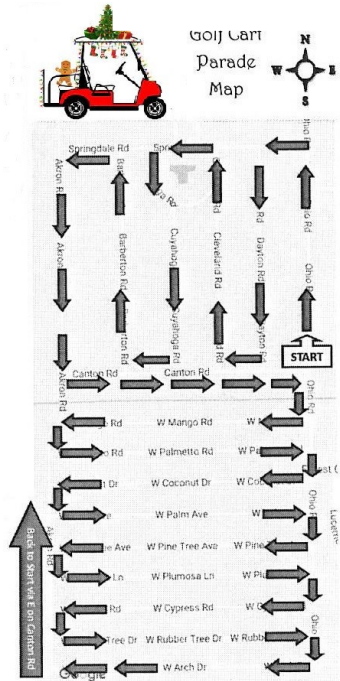
Read Sabrina's full story on page 4. Give the gift of life this Christmas. Donate blood.



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.





CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADE ROUTE

We will use the old, traditional route this year. For residents on Springdale and along the south ends of Ohio and Akron, pay attention to where the cross-street connections are and go to the intersections so you don't miss out.

NOTE THE PARADE START TIMES

The day parade will begin at 1:00 pm. The night parade will begin at 7:00 pm.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARADE PARTICIPANTS

Once again we beg parade participants to complete the **WHOLE** route so those at the end get to enjoy **ALL** the carts. Too many carts cut out early and deprive residents near the end of the route of the enjoyment of seeing all the carts. **PLEASE** complete the whole parade route. Thank you!

Sabrina's Story - [Continued from Page 3] - Sabrina Mesa is the daughter of longtime residents of West Cypress. In July Sabrina was diagnosed with Severe Aplastic Anemia (SAA). Here is her story.

Severe Aplastic Anemia is a rare but serious blood disorder. It happens when your bone marrow can't make enough blood cells and platelets. My SAA started with just a couple of small bruises. Within a week I was waking up with new bruises every day, as well as pin-like red spots known as Petechiae or Anemia Rash. I started to feel kind of tired as well, but I was very active spending a lot of time exercising and just chalked it up to that. It wasn't until my gums started bleeding profusely for multiple days just from brushing my teeth that I knew there was something wrong. It was a Friday when I went to get blood work just to see what was going on, and almost exactly 24 hours later I was receiving a phone call from my doctor to tell me my blood levels were severely low. It took multiple tests and bone marrow biopsies to confirm that I had a very extreme case of SAA. I've received 35+ transfusions between platelets and whole blood and have spent approximately 30 days in the hospital so far. I've received my first round of ATG (Antithymocyte globulin) and am currently looking for a BMT (Bone Marrow Transplant) donor match.

INFORMATION ON THE SILENT AUCTION : As you know from the article in the September Newsletter, Member Contributions this past year were roughly the same as last year, as was income from Clubhouse rentals. However, the cost of hosting our Kids Parties continues to increase. To raise funds to support continuation of these parties, there will be a Silent Auction at the Christmas Party. **NOTE TO BUSINESSES :** We are looking for businesses or anyone who would like to donate a gift or gift card that we can use for the auction. A business donation can include a copy of your business information (business card, etc.) to promote your business. All auction proceeds will benefit our various kids parties. For further information, contact Kimberly Serio at 561-762-4356.

Upcoming Residents Meetings

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month except July and August, at 8:00 pm in the Clubhouse. All residents are encouraged to attend. The next scheduled meetings are December 14th, January 11th and February 8th.

Election of 2024 FGCA Officers

As required in the Association By-Laws, the election of the Association Officers for next year will occur at the end of the upcoming December 14th meeting.

Yes, We Still Need Street Reps

Arch Drive (East and West) has the largest number of residents of any street in the neighborhood, yet after months of asking, no one has stepped forward to volunteer to represent the street at the monthly meeting. Other Street Rep positions need to be filled as well. See the article on page 6 for more information.

Adult Game Night -Third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm.

2023 HALLOWEEN EVENTS RECAP



SPECIAL THANKS!

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

We had about 160 kids who enjoyed food and games at the Halloween Carnival and Trunk-or-Treat.



Special Thank You's - to Little Caesars Pizza in Jog Plaza for giving us a great deal on all the pizza (see their ad in this Newsletter), and Florida Gardens Baptist Church for bringing their Bounce Houses and popcorn stand (see their ad also).

We had about 30 Golf Carts handing out treats.

We also had about 30 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



HALLOWEEN DÉCOR 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)

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| First Place - | 129 Cleveland |
| Second Place - | 85 Plumosa |
| Third Place - | 253 Ohio |
| Honorable Mention - | 103 Pine Tree |
| (No particular order) | 55 Coconut |
| | 56 Cuyahoga |

ONGOING NEED FOR STREET REPS

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. 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 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.

FLORIDA GARDENS CRIME REPORT

09/01/2023-10/31/2023 Compiled by Sue Guthrie

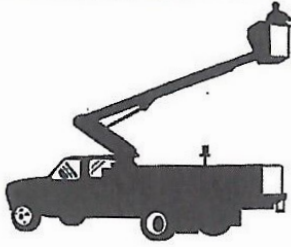
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Lost And Found													1					
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Missing Person																	1	
Domestic																	1	
Police Serv. Call Info	1																	
Alarm																	1	
Welfare Check	1																	
Shots in Area									1	1								
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Larceny/Theft																	1	
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Investigation			1													1		
Noise					1			1			1							

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