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**FULL MOON  
HALLOWEEN  
NIGHT !**

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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HALLOWEEN  
EVENTS**

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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 home sell, and very fast at that. Owners or renters, you are welcome to our Civic Association meetings. We had a great turnout this month.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

I have noticed from the Neighborhood App a number of code enforcement calls to the County. Please Please Please let's try to keep it within our neighborhood. I do not want anyone harassing each other. We are neighbors and should be somewhat getting along. As I do agree that there are some houses that need some sprucing up, please drop off a letter in the clubhouse mailbox addressed to me and I will see what I can do. Neighbors that I come visit, please don't shoot the messenger. I am only coming to talk. Let's see if we can work together and help each other out to make our neighborhood look good. Again, I am not looking for manicured yards, but at least a little effort to make it presentable.

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. As soon as we're given the OK we will be starting some Cornhole Tournaments inside the clubhouse throughout the week and the evening times. We will only be having four teams at a time to keep up with social distancing, This will all lead up to another event like our last one, just not as long of a day because we will just be having the finals and championships at our next event. As we get more information together we will have it on our Facebook page and on the Nextdoor app, so keep checking those social medias out.

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

Hoping to see you at the next Residents Meeting on 10/08/2020 @ 8pm in the Clubhouse at 134 Ohio Rd, Covid-19 permitting.

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## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Come Together During the Current Medical Crisis**

Reach out to your elderly neighbors during the current medical crisis. The elderly are particularly vulnerable. If you know of an elderly neighbor, see if you can assist them by grocery shopping or other errands so that their time exposed to others is minimized. Of course, keep yourself safe as well by following the latest CDC guidelines.

### **Upcoming 2020 Association Meetings**

The final three Association Meetings are scheduled for October 8th, November 12th and December 10th.

# ***LIMITED 2020 HALLOWEEN EVENTS DETAILS***

Halloween has always been a special, fun time in Florida Gardens. Unfortunately, the current Covid-19 situation has forced us to cancel the annual Kids Halloween party as well as the Halloween Movie behind the Clubhouse. However, your Board of Directors has elected to still conduct a modified Golf Cart Trunk-or-Treat at the Clubhouse, and we will still have the Halloween Golf Cart Parade following that. These two events will be held on Saturday, October 24th.

## **HALLOWEEN 'TRUNK-OR-TREAT' - Saturday, October 24th Behind the Clubhouse from at 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm**



This has always been a very popular part of every year's Halloween festivities and we will still have a modified form of one this year.

**CART OWNERS :** If you plan on participating in the Trunk-or-Treat, please call Alanna Harman at (561) 248-3151 by Wednesday, 10/21 if so she can get an idea of about how many carts to plan for. On Saturday, line up your decorated golf carts in the designated area, spaced as directed, and bring candy (but nothing containing peanuts, please). The

kids will go cart-to-cart in single file (practicing social distancing) starting at 6:00 pm. Please have your carts in place by 5:45 pm. All participants should wear Covid-appropriate masks.

**KIDS AND PARENTS :** Participants will go cart-to-cart in single file (practicing social distancing) starting at 6:00 pm until 7:15 pm. All participants should wear Covid-appropriate masks. Please park your automobiles in the designated parking area.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -** If you would be willing to volunteer to help with event support, please contact Alanna Harman at (561) 248-3151. High School students- this is an opportunity for Community Service hours.

## **HALLOWEEN GOLF CART PARADE beginning at 7:30 pm**

Immediately following the Trunk-or-Treat we will again have a Halloween Golf Cart Parade beginning at 7:30 pm. If you have a decorated cart (golf carts ONLY), please join in the fun. Cart line-up begins at 7:15 at the Clubhouse. The parade route will be the same as that followed during the annual Christmas parade. Participants : **MAKE SOME NOISE** so our residents can know the parade is approaching.



## **3RD ANNUAL HAUNTED GARDENS HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST Judging on Friday, October 30th from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm**

**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. Also, the Halloween House on Pine Tree has again recused themselves from this competition.



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As in previous years, judges will select the 6 best Halloween décor presentations. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three, with honorable mention to the rest.

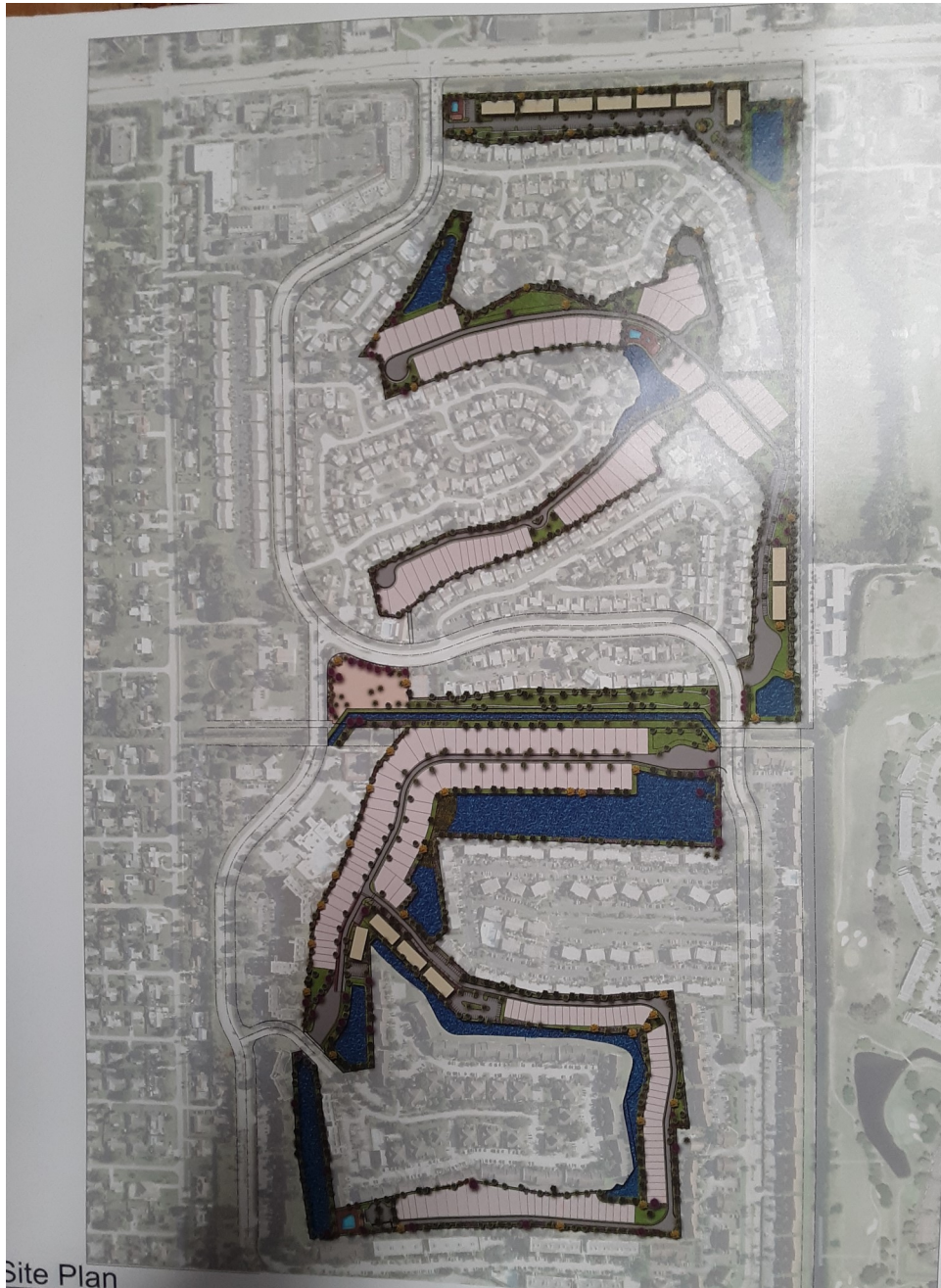
1st Place - \$300 / 2nd Place - \$150 / 3rd Place - \$50

To allow all our residents to put up last minute decorations, judging will not take place until the night of **FRIDAY**, October 30th, from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

Signs will be placed in the winning yards on Halloween morning.



## **LUCERNE LAKES GOLF COURSE ELIMINATION UPDATE**



As those of you who monitor our community happenings on Nextdoor, or who read the March and June minutes of our monthly Association Meetings on our Florida Gardens website are aware, a developer has purchased the Lucerne Lakes Golf Course property (Forest Oaks) with the intention of eliminating it and replacing it with residential housing. The site plan posted in the Forest Oaks Clubhouse has been updated since its original publication. The new plan now calls for a total of 600 new units, consisting of 192 single family homes, 168 townhomes and 240 condo units. Of the total, 15 will be designated as workforce housing. As of this writing, according to the County, the revised application is still early in the Certification process and about a month before the first Zoning Board hearing, all residents within a certain radius of the project will be mailed a notice.

Our Association 1st Vice President, Susan Jenkins, is our liaison working with the Lucerne Lakes HOA to

coordinate the opposition to this development proposal. The developer's plan does not call for any additional access to the development other than the current main entrance and the access road (Columbia) which connects our development to theirs. This will no doubt increase the traffic entering at Ohio and also increase the number who short-cut to the turnpike by going along Springdale. Additional information on the progress of this proposed development will be posted on Nextdoor and our Facebook page as it becomes available.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



We would like to congratulate Colonel Bob Newbern, an active and long time resident of Florida Gardens, who reached an important milestone when he celebrated his 99th birthday on July 26th. Bob, a native of Sebring, retired from the U.S. Air Force after a long career, and moved to Florida Gardens in 1974. He and his wife Florence live on Plumosa Lane, where they maintain "Newbern Park" adjacent to their home and remain active in community affairs. As far as we know, Colonel Newbern, a member of the "Greatest Generation," might be the only veteran of World War 2 still living in the Gardens, so we want to say "Thanks" for your long service and Happy Birthday from all your neighbors and friends.

Submitted by Ed Ridolph

## CLUBHOUSE RENTAL

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## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Please see the EDITOR'S NOTES

### SEND US YOUR THOUGHTS :

This is your community newsletter. We'd like to get your feedback. Tell us what you like / don't like about it, how we can improve it, etc. **Please give us your input. EDITOR'S NOTE - I've never received feedback from anyone. Send an email to [goliwagmo@aol.com](mailto:goliwagmo@aol.com)**

### 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 article 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 to the community newsletter. **EDITOR'S NOTE - I've received two submissions in two years. Thanks, Ed, for the one this month!**

### 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](mailto: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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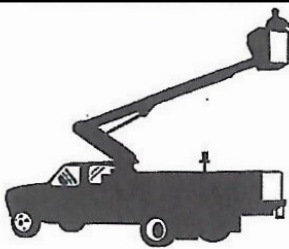


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