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STREET REPS
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Florida Gardens Newsletter

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Mark your calendar for the

FAMILY HALLOWEEEN PARTY!

AND HALLOWEEN EVENTS THAT NIGHT

Saturday, October 26th



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:



FOLLOWED BY

THE TRUNK OR TREAT FROM 6:30—7:30 PM

FOLLOWED BY

A NIGHTTIME HALLOWEEN GOLF CART PARADE 7:30—8:30 PM

FOLLOWED BY

A HALLOWEEN MOVIE ON THE REAR CLUBHOUSE LAWN 8:45—10:00 PM

SEE INSIDE FOR ALL THE EXCITING DETAILS ON THIS SPECIAL FAMILY FUN NIGHT!



PLUS...

Our second annual Halloween Decorating Contest! See inside for details.



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UPDATED 1/9/19

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From the President

By Spencer Palmer

Hello Everyone and Thank You All for taking the time to read our newsletter.

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

I hope everyone had an outstanding summer and fun travel times. I'm not going too far into it, but we dodged a big one with Dorian, but the Bahamas were slammed and our thoughts are with them.

We have some fun events coming up and will be needing volunteers to help with them. If you are interested in helping out please contact me and keep an eye on the neighborhood app for event meetings. High School students are always needed and they get community service hours.

I know that some of us are still reluctant to use the Nextdoor app due to some of the comments that are mentioned on it. Please remember that sometimes we have to take some bad to get a lot of good. This app is a great source of social media that gets the word out fast. From things like missing kids, missing pets, crimes happening, reminders for events, suspicious vehicles or people, and more. Please do not let a few bad apples make you not use a great thing. If you are not sure what Nextdoor is or need help getting it, please let me know and I will be more than happy to help you.

The Association is looking to have a wood, single split rail fence installed around the back and south side of the Clubhouse property, and have a cement walkway installed on the south side. Does anybody that lives in Florida Gardens have a fencing or concrete business? Please let me know through the email below. We are not looking for free work, just would like to use companies in our neighborhood.

FGCA elections are fast approaching. If you are interested in running, now is the time to let your neighbors know so they know who they are voting for.

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

Hoping to see you at the next residents meeting on 10/10/19 @ 8pm in the clubhouse at 134 Ohio Rd.

floridagardensca@gmail.com

CLUBHOUSE RENTAL



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.

NEW ASSOCIATION MAILING ADDRESS

Effective immediately, please direct all Association paper correspondence to our new mailing address:

134 Ohio Road Lake Worth, FL 33467-3828



SPECIAL 2019 HALLOWEEN EVENTS DETAILS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - If you would be willing to volunteer to help with event set-up, chaperone or clean-up, please contact Marian French at (561) 762-3222.



(IMPORTANT NOTE - Don't worry - 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.)

SPONSORED AGAIN BY ABLE PLUMBING

Similar to our neighborhood house decorating contest at Christmas, again this year 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

Judging will take place the night of Friday, October 25th, from 8:00 -9:30 pm.

Signs will be placed in the winning yards on October 26th prior to the Halloween Golf Cart Parade.

FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 26th. Not just for kids!

The Family Halloween Party will begin promptly at 5:30 pm at the Clubhouse. Dress up in your best Halloween costumes and come and enjoy the fun. Free hotdogs, chips and soft drinks will be provided. PLUS, mix up and bring your best chili recipe for a pot luck chili-fest.



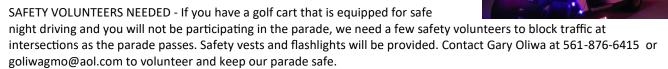


HALLOWEEN PARTY 'TRUNK-OR-TREAT'

This is a very popular part of every year's Halloween party. Line up your decorated golf carts and bring candy (but nothing containing peanuts, please). The kids will go cart-to-cart starting at 6:30 pm. Please have your carts in place by then.

HALLOWEEN GOLF CART PARADE

As part of the Halloween Family Fun Night on Saturday, October 26th, 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. The parade route will be the same as that followed during the annual Christmas parade.

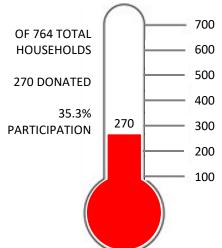




HALLOWEEN MOVIE SHOWING

The final event planned for this year's Halloween Family Fun Night on Saturday, October 26th will again be an outdoor Halloween movie on the rear lawn of the Clubhouse, beginning at 8:45 pm. Bring your golf cart, chairs or blankets to sit and enjoy the show. Free popcorn will be provided for the kids. Bring your own snacks and beverages.

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT DONATED



2019 DONATION DRIVE RESULTS

In January we kicked off our annual donation drive. We detailed how your donations fund the various community activities like the BBQ and Kids Easter Party held in April, the two student scholarships awarded in May, and the Halloween and Christmas events coming up. We asked that you check with your friends that live in HOA communities what they pay annually in mandatory HOA dues and what they receive in return. We also implemented, based on your requests, a safe, simple method to make a donation online if a mailed check was inconvenient.

This year, 270 of our 764 households in Florida Gardens recognized the need for their involvement and were generous enough to donate. Most donated \$30. Some donated more. To everyone who donated, we say THANK YOU!

May 2017

Many of our most popular events occur during the year-end holiday period. All donations received, regardless of the receipt date, are for the calendar year in which they are received. The Association fiscal year runs from Jan 1st to Dec 31st.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES INDEX

PBSO: Citizen Observer Patrol (C.O.P.) Program

by Gary Oliwa

The following is a list of the information articles that have appeared in the Newsletter since 2017. This list is also posted on our website (www.floridagardens.net) under the Newsletters tab. If you are interested in reviewing an article, go to the Newsletter listed and click on it. That Newsletter will open (it will NOT download to your device) for your review.

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PBSO Patrol Cars Off-Duty by Gary Oliwa

During a recent conversation, a person questioned why a PBSO patrol car would not stop a motorist that had committed a traffic infraction right in front of them. There are several possible explanations. The Deputy might have been in the process of responding to another call. More likely however, citizens should understand that the Deputy was probably offduty, not in uniform and using the vehicle for personal use. You have no doubt seen PBSO patrol cars parked at the homes of Deputies that live here in Florida Gardens. The personal use of PBSO vehicles by Deputies when they are off-duty is covered by PBSO General Order 299.02. Any qualified PBSO employee who is assigned a vehicle can use that vehicle for personal use while off-duty. In fact, the policy actually states they are "encouraged" to do so. The mere sight of a PBSO patrol car can be a crime deterrent. However, when the vehicle is being operated by an off-duty Deputy (likely in civilian attire), they are restricted in their actions. PBSO patrol cars are radio-equipped and the off-duty Deputy is required to monitor the radio when in the vehicle. They can respond to assist in emergencies and can take certain police actions until relieved by on-duty personnel. However, the policy states, for example, that they cannot take traffic enforcement action "...unless the violation is flagrant and likely to cause personal injury." Therefore, if you see a patrol car pass by a minor traffic infraction, understand that there could be a very good reason for it. Instead, remember that our law enforcement personnel risk their lives to protect and serve, and we owe them our respect and gratitude every day.

This Month's **SHARE A RECIPE**

Lemon-Rosemary Artichoke Dip

Preheat oven to 400-degrees.

In a large bowl, place:

- 3 (6.5-oz) jars of oil-marinated artichokes, drained and corsely chopped
- 1 (8-oz) package of softened cream cheese
- 1-1/2 cups of Gruyere cheese
- 1 cup grated aged sharp white cheddar cheese
- 1 cup full-fat sour cream
- 2 tblsps fresh lemon juice
- 2 tsps fresh, finely chopped rosemary
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper

Stir until well combined.

Transfer to an 8" square baking dish.

Bake 22-25 minutes until bubbly and a light golden brown on top.

Cool before serving.

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 meeting dates for the remainder of the year are October 10th, November 14th and December 12th.

NEWSLETTER

The Florida Gardens Newsletter is published 5 times per year, in January, March, May, September and November.

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. Emergencies, missing pets, crime reports, classified ads and much more are all posted daily. As of September 1st, we had 536 households signed on. If you're not already 'connected', go to www.floridagardensfl.nextdoor.com and join. It's FREE.

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Remember to VISIT OUR WEBSITE - floridagardens.net - to see photo galleries of recent Community event, copies of past Newsletters, Clubhouse rental information, make a donation, and more. <u>And RECENTLY ADDED</u> - an index of articles that have appeared in recent Newsletters.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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.

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.

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.

SHARE A RECIPE:

Want to share a special recipe? Submit your favorite recipe for your neighbors to enjoy!

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 March newsletter will be Monday, March 11th.

DISCLAIMER:

This is a community newsletter. Any submitted content will be edited for appropriateness and we reserve the right to deny the publication of any content deemed offensive or not in the best interest of the community or the Florida Gardens Civic Association.









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