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## From the President

By Mike Misko

Welcome back! Hope everyone had a safe and fun-filled summer.

On October 29th we will have the Kids Halloween Party and Trunk or Treat at the Clubhouse followed by the golf cart parade. We need volunteers to help with setup and crafts. It's a great opportunity for high school students to earn their community service hours. Please contact Kimberly at 561-762-4356 if you are interested in helping. The more volunteers we have the smoother the events go!

I would like to thank all our Street Representatives for all your help getting the newsletters out to our community and for participating in the monthly meetings. We would like to see some new volunteers looking to join us at the upcoming meetings.

Our next meeting at the Clubhouse is October 13th at 8:00pm. Mark your calendar and come join us.

Reminder, elections are coming up in December. If you are interested in running for any of the Officers positions please come to the meeting and let us know.

Thank you for your time.

## Pasta with Salmon, Peas & Dill

*Coated in a butter-white wine sauce, this delicious meal is a fresh take on pasta primavera featuring roasted salmon and snappy English peas.*



### Ingredients

- Cooking spray
- 12 oz. salmon fillets, skin removed
- 1 tsp. whole coriander, crushed
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 lb. cavatappi or other short pasta
- 8 oz. fresh or frozen English peas
- 4 tbsp. unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 1/2 yellow onion, chopped
- 1/2 c. dry white wine
- 3 tbsp. fresh dill, torn

### Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease a small baking sheet. Season salmon with coriander, salt, and pepper. Roast on prepared baking sheet until cooked through, 13 to 15 minutes. Transfer to a plate. Cool completely, then flake into large pieces.
- Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions, adding peas during last 1 (if using frozen) to 4 (if using fresh) minutes. Reserve 1 cup cooking water; drain. Return pasta to pot.
- Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, 6 to 8 minutes. Add wine and cook until syrupy, 3 to 4 minutes. Add pasta and 1/2 cup reserve cooking water. Bring to a simmer. Remove from heat and stir in remaining 2 tablespoons butter (adding additional cooking water if needed to create a sauce). Gently fold in dill and salmon. Serve hot or cold...enjoy!

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Residents Meetings

Mark your calendar for the next scheduled meeting date, which is **October 13th**. 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

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# 2022 HALLOWEEN EVENTS DETAILS

Florida Gardens Residents Only, Please

Halloween has always been a special, fun time in Florida Gardens. This year, Florida Gardens will once again have a Kids Carnival, conduct a Golf Cart Trunk-or-Treat, and have the Halloween Golf Cart Parade and outdoor movie showing following that. ***All these events will all be held on Saturday, October 29th.*** Monitor Nextdoor, our Facebook page and our Florida Gardens Website for any changes to the planned events.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - People like to attend events but few ever want to help. If you would be willing to volunteer to help with event support, please contact Kimberly Serio (561) 762-4356 for the Carnival Event, Alanna Harman at (561) 248-3151 for the Trunk-or-Treat and Mike Misko at 561-629-6121 for the Movie Event. High School students- this is an opportunity for Community Service hours. ***There will be an event coordination meeting on Tuesday, September 27th at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse. Everyone willing to volunteer to help with any of the events is asked to attend.***

## **HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL - STARTING AT 5:00 pm**

The evening begins promptly at 5:00 pm at the Clubhouse with our Halloween Carnival. Dress up in your best Halloween costumes and come and enjoy the fun. Free food and drinks will be provided.

PARENTS : Please park your automobiles in the designated parking area.



## **HALLOWEEN 'TRUNK-OR-TREAT' - Behind the Clubhouse from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm**



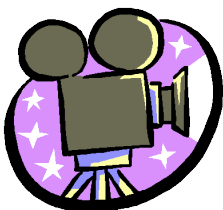
This has always been a very popular part of every year's Halloween festivities and we will have one again this year.

**CART OWNERS :** If you plan on participating in the Trunk-or-Treat, please call Alanna Harman at (561) 248-3151 by Wednesday, 10/19 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 starting at 6:00 pm until 7:15 pm. Please have your carts in place by 5:45 pm.

## **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.



## **HALLOWEEN MOVIE SHOWING beginning at 9:00 pm**

The final event of the evening will be an outdoor Halloween movie on the rear lawn of the Clubhouse (weather permitting), 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.

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



## 5TH ANNUAL HAUNTED GARDENS HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

Judging on **SUNDAY, October 30th** from **8:00 pm to 11:00 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 SUNDAY, October 30th, from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

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



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. If you would like to bring your own games, please do so. 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!

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## 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.

For Nextdoor, if you're not already connected, go to [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) and join. It's FREE. You can connect thru the Nextdoor website or download the Nextdoor App to your mobile device. 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.



## **RECYCLING : WHERE PLASTIC ACTUALLY ENDS UP**

Edited from an article that originally appeared in USA TODAY:

That plastic container you toss in a recycling bin? Odds are today you're actually doing very little for the environment. The packaging could end up in a landfill in the U.S. or pay to be shipped abroad and burned. Micro-plastic particles from incineration are showing up in the air, the rain, and even in human blood.

While some used plastic is shipped to recycling facilities, the truth is most products put in U.S. recycling bins don't go where Americans think they do. Environmental advocates have long encouraged citizens to "reduce, reuse, recycle." But many experts say it's important to be realistic about the global recycling industry. Here's where your recycling really goes.

There's no federal recycling program in the U.S. Where your household recycling goes depends on the material and where you live. "Every town has different policies," said Nilda Mesa of Columbia University. Curbside recycling is typically collected by a private company or municipality and taken to a sorting plant where marketable materials are salvaged. "In some cases, a city may make money off recycling categories such as cardboard and lose money on glass. It depends on the market," Mesa said.

Many items end up in the recycling stream that aren't recyclable, causing contamination. "Often, householders put products into the recycling container that they 'wish' could be recycled," said Joe Pickard, chief economist for the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries. Contamination includes products that can't be recycled, aren't accepted in a specific area or are contaminated by residual container contents, he said. "These contaminated items most often simply go to the landfill," he added. It is common for facilities to have contamination rates in the 15-20% range, Pickard said.

Among recyclables, cardboard, paper and metal are usually recycled at high rates, said Jan Dell, an engineer and founder of The Last Beach Cleanup, an environmental organization. It's plastic, which is largely made from petroleum, that wreaks havoc, she said. Just 9% of all plastic waste ever created has been recycled, researchers estimate.

Plastic packaging is typically labeled with a resin identification code – that chasing arrows symbol with a number 1 through 7. Plastic items made from #1 (think soda and water bottles) and #2 (for things like laundry detergent and milk containers) are the most widely recyclable, experts said. Other types of plastic simply aren't profitable to recycle in the United States. "Most all of plastic waste isn't safely recyclable, and it is wrecking the recycling system," Dell said. The U.S. produces more plastic waste than any other country and actually pays to send some plastic waste abroad. These plastic exports are largely waste from consumers, as opposed to plastic scrap from making products, Dell said.

"Waste that is being generated in the United States is ping-ponging across the globe," said Claire Arkin, global communications lead for the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives. "Nobody wants our plastic crap." About half of plastic waste collected for recycling worldwide was traded internationally back in 2016, a study in the journal Science Advances found. That year, the U.S. paid to export 1.99 million metric tons of plastic scrap to 89 trade partners, with the vast majority exported to China. Of that, up to 75% was inadequately managed in receiving countries, the study estimated. U.S. plastic scrap shipped to China was largely burned or dumped, Dell said. But the game changed in 2018, when China enacted its "National Sword" policy, which banned the importation of dozens of types of solid waste and set contamination limits on recyclable materials. In the following years, the U.S. started sending more of its plastic waste to Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam, and in smaller amounts to Turkey, Ecuador, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Ghana, Cambodia and Senegal, according to a 2019 investigation by The Guardian. Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam later restricted imports.

"Plastic pollution isn't just like an eyesore. It's a biodiversity, human health, human rights issue when it comes down to it because it disproportionately targets the Global South, economically challenged communities and people of color," said Kaitlyn Trent of Greenpeace. Now more countries in Latin America are emerging as destinations for global plastic waste, a 2020 study found. Last year, the U.S. exported 74,000 shipping containers of plastic waste to 15 low-income Latin American countries. Most went to Mexico, followed by El Salvador. The countries where it ends up have few environmental regulations, limited water to clean plastic and no capacity to treat the chemicals. They end up burning the waste and polluting the air and water. A number of global initiatives in recent years have aimed to address the issue, but waste trade remains rampant.

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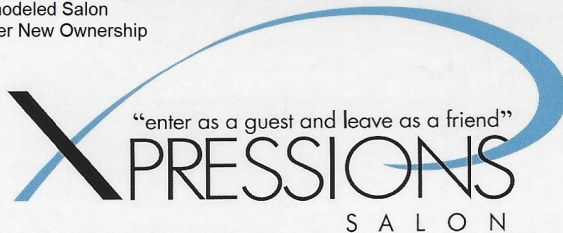
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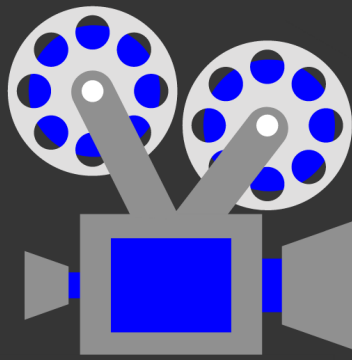
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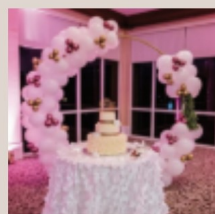
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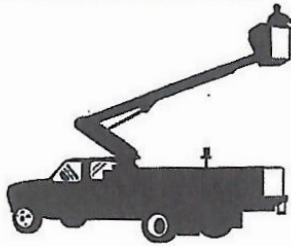
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