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# Florida Gardens Newsletter

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**Important  
Notice**

**PLEASE FUND OUR  
COMMUNITY EVENTS !**

**SEE PAGE 4 FOR INFO ON OUR  
ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION DRIVE.**

***¡ POR FAVOR, AYUDANOS EN  
FINANCIAR NUESTROS EVENTOS  
COMUNITARIOS!***

***VEA EL DOCUMENTO ESPECIAL EN  
ESPANOL (EN LA PÁGINA 5)  
SOBRE NUESTRA CAMPANA DE  
CONTRIBUCIONES ANUALES.***



**Aviso  
Importante**

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### Connect With Us:

Follow the happenings in Florida Gardens through our Social Media postings :

Join Nextdoor : Sign up at [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com)

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CHECK OUT THE FLORIDA GARDENS WEBSITE AT [floridagardens.net](http://floridagardens.net)

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# 2026 KIDS EASTER PARTY AND EGG HUNT



**SATURDAY, MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>**

**THE FUN STARTED PROMPTLY AT 10:00 A.M. WITH THE EASTER BUNNY MEET-AND-GREET**



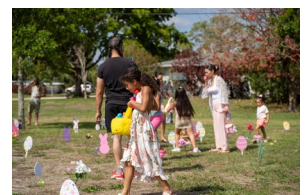
## CRAFTS AND SNACKS PRECEDED THE EGG HUNTS



## OUR 5 AND UNDER KIDS GATHERED FIRST



## FOLLOWED BY OUR 6 TO 9 YEAR OLDS




## AND CONCLUDING WITH OUR OLDEST KIDS



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO AGIM BAIRD WHO PHOTOGRAPHED THE EVENT.

SEE THE FULL 88-PICTURE PORTFOLIO AT <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19FS00ZoLP1UTQeuQ8h257hKpTWLVgGpQ?usp=sharing>

AS ALWAYS, THESE EVENT DON'T HAPPEN WITHOUT OUR GREAT VOLUNTEERS. A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO KIMBERLY SERIO (KIDS PARTY COORDINATOR) AND HER TEAM:

PENNY, ALANNA, KEEGAN, DANNY  AND THEIR FAMILIES ALONG WITH CHRISTINE, L, SERGIO AND SEANNA.

**FLORIDA GARDENS CRIME REPORT**

1/1/26 - 2/28/26

COMPILED BY PENNY SPRING

	AKRON	BARBERTON	CLEVELAND	CUYAHOGA	DAYTON	OHIO	PALMETTO	PLUMOSA	SPRINGDALE	NO STRE
	ARCH	CANTON	COCONUT	CYPRESS	MANGO	PALM	PINE TREE	RUBBER TREE	LK WORTH RD	
Alarm										2
Animal Call						1				2
Assult Domestic										1
Assist Another Dept.	1									
Business/Resident Check	3				1	1	1	4		
Child Abuse		1		1						
Civil Matter			1					1		1
Conduct Investigation	1					1		1		
Fire								1		
Domestic In Progress										2
Domestic Unknown							1			1
Domestic Trouble					1	1	1			
Illegal Trash Dump						2				
Information	1									
Man Down OD										2
Mentally Disturbed Person				1						4
Noise			1							
Obscene/Harassing Call	1									
Police Service Call					1	2				3
Pri Inv					3					
Repo			1							
Serving Civil Process	2	1	1							
Stolen Tag										1
Suspicious Incident										1
Suspicious Person	1								1	
Suspicious Vehicle						3				
Unwanted Guest			1		1					
Vandalism						1		1	1	
Welfare Check					1		1			3
911 Hang Up										14



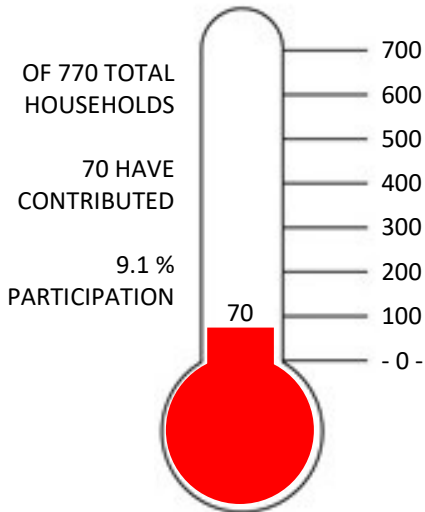
**CLUBHOUSE RENTAL INFO**

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 AS FAR OUT AS DECEMBER !**

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



**NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO FAR**



**ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATUS**

In the January Newsletter, we kicked off our annual contribution drive. We detailed how your contributions fund the various community activities and children’s holiday parties. We asked that you check with your friends that live in HOA communities and see what they pay annually in mandatory HOA dues and what they receive in return. We also have a safe, simple method to make a contribution online through our website or even on your phone if you have either the Venmo or Zelle app if a mailed check is too inconvenient.

As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 70 of our 770 households in Florida Gardens have recognized the need for their involvement and have been generous enough to contribute. To everyone who has contributed thus far, we say THANK YOU!

In this Newsletter, we have again included simple instructions on how to make your contribution online, and a contribution coupon for those of you who like to contribute by check. All contributions received, regardless of the receipt date, are for the calendar year in which they are received. The Association fiscal year runs from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please consider what this great community has to offer and make a contribution to help keep our activities funded.

REMINDER : We have several ways to contribute. 1) You can make your annual contribution to the Florida Gardens Civic Association by check. 2) You can use any credit card online from our website (floridagardens.net). Simply select “CONTRIBUTE” from the main menu and follow the directions. 3) Finally, you can also pay using Venmo or Zelle. If using Venmo, enter @Floridagardensca as payee. If prompted, use 0541 as the last 4 digits of the payee phone. For Zelle, enter keeg28@aol.com as the recipient.

As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, the percentage of households by street who have contributed this year is as follows.

Cleveland	8/34	23.5%	Palmetto	4/46	8.7%
Cypress	8/44	18.2%	Rubber Tree	4/46	8.7%
Canton	5/33	15.2%	Mango	3/42	7.1%
Barberton	5/34	14.7%	Akron	5/74	6.8%
Coconut	6/44	13.6%	Dayton	2/36	5.6%
Plumosa	5/42	11.9%	Ohio	4/79	5.1%
Palm	5/44	11.4%	Arch	2/59	3.4%
Pine Tree	4/44	9.1%	Cuyahoga	0/38	0.0%
			Springdale	0/31	0.0%



**FLORIDA GARDENS CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2026 MEMBER CONTRIBUTION COUPON**

*Make check payable to “Florida Gardens Civic Association”*

*Use an envelope and either drop it in the secure mailbox in front of the Clubhouse or mail to : Florida Gardens Civic Association ; 134 Ohio Road ; Lake Worth, FL 33467-3828*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

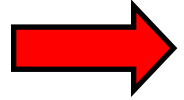
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_



**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!**

**traducción en español en la próxima página**

Nuestro agradecimiento a Angie Bermúdez



## **Why don't more residents support the Florida Gardens COMMUNITY?**

Florida Gardens is a family community. Because we have a clubhouse facility, we have been able to have community events throughout the year. Besides our annual community gathering, the children really enjoy the Easter, Halloween and Christmas parties. All our residents have the clubhouse available to rent for their own special events. Plus, we open the facility to neighborhood support groups for weekly meetings.



**KIDS EASTER PARTY**

Through the Florida Gardens Civic Association, we also provide deserving High School students with scholarship awards each year.



**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

None of this would be possible without the annual financial assistance from our residents. Yet, in 2025, of 782 households, only 115 made a supporting contribution.

Unlike most communities in South Florida, we are not an HOA. There are no mandatory fees. ALL RESIDENTS of Florida Gardens are members of the Florida Gardens Civic Association, and your voluntary annual contribution to the FGCA makes it possible to provide you and your family with events that bring our community together and make Florida Gardens such a great place to live. Even if you don't attend any of our family events, the community still needs your support. We ask for a contribution of at least \$50 for the year, but ANY contribution amount is greatly appreciated. We Sincerely Thank You.



**KIDS XMAS PARTY**

### **MAKING A CONTRIBUTION IS EASY!**

**CONTRIBUTE BY CHECK, ON OUR WEBSITE, OR VIA *VENMO* or *ZELLE* ON YOUR PHONE**

Use the VENMO QR Code below to make a contribution with VENMO. Enter "@floridagardensca" as payee. If asked for the last four payee phone digits, enter 0541. Type your name and street address in the comments field so we can properly record your contribution.

Use the ZELLE QR Code below to make a contribution with ZELLE. Please type you name and address in the MEMO field so we can properly record your contribution.

To make your contribution online with a credit card, go to - [floridagardens.net](http://floridagardens.net) - and select "CONTRIBUTE" in the top menu bar. Depending on your device, it may be located under "More". Your transaction is secured through PayPal, but you do NOT need to have a PayPal account. Enter the contribution amount and select either PayPal or your own credit card. After entering your credit card info, please select the "Share your mailing address..." check box so we can properly record your contribution. Also, please note that the Association must pay a processing fee for contributions made online through our website or through VENMO.

To contribute by check, use the coupon at the bottom of page 4. You can mail it or save the cost of a stamp by just dropping the envelope in the secure drop box in front of the Clubhouse.

NOTE - All member contributions received, regardless of the receipt date, are for the calendar year in which they are received.



**venmo**

Point your camera at the QR code, open the link and then follow the payment instructions. Make sure to add your name and address in the memo portion so we may keep track of contributions.



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### ¿Por qué no más residentes apoyan a la COMUNIDAD de Florida Gardens?

Florida Gardens es una comunidad familiar. Debido a que contamos con una casa club, hemos podido tener eventos comunitarios durante todo el año. Además de nuestras reuniones comunitarias ocasionales, los niños realmente disfrutaron de las fiestas de Pascua, Halloween y Navidad. Todos nuestros residentes tienen la casa club disponible para alquilar para sus propios eventos especiales. Además, abrimos la instalación a grupos de apoyo del vecindario para Reuniones semanales.

A través de la Asociación Cívica de Florida Gardens, también brindamos becas a estudiantes de secundaria que lo merecen cada año.

Nada de esto sería posible sin la ayuda financiera anual de nuestros residentes. Sin embargo, en 2025, de 782 hogares, solo 115 hicieron una contribución de apoyo.

A diferencia de la mayoría de las comunidades en el sur de Florida, no somos una asociación de propietarios. No hay tarifas obligatorias. **TODOS LOS RESIDENTES** de Florida Gardens son miembros de la Asociación de Cívica de Florida Gardens, y su contribución anual voluntaria a la FGCA hace posible brindarle a usted y a su familia eventos que unen a nuestra comunidad y hacen de Florida Gardens un excelente lugar para vivir. Incluso si no asiste a ninguno de nuestros eventos familiares, la comunidad aún necesita su apoyo. Solicitamos una contribución de al menos \$50 por año, pero **CUALQUIER** contribución es muy apreciado. Le agradecemos sinceramente.



FIESTA DE PASCUA



FIESTA DE HALLOWEEN



FIESTA DE NAVIDAD

### HACER UNA CONTRIBUCIÓN ES FÁCIL!

CONTRIBUYA MEDIANTE CHEQUE, EN NUESTRO SITIO WEB O A TRAVÉS DE VENMO O ZELLA EN SU TELÉFONO CELULAR.

Use el código QR de VENMO a continuación para realizar una contribución con VENMO. Ingrese "@floridagardensca" como beneficiario. Si se le solicitan los últimos cuatro dígitos del teléfono del beneficiario, ingrese 0541. Escriba su nombre y dirección en el campo de comentarios para que podamos registrar correctamente su contribución.

Use el código QR de ZELLE a continuación para realizar una contribución con ZELLE. Escriba su nombre y dirección en la area MEMO para que podamos registrar correctamente su contribución.

Para realizar su contribución en línea con una tarjeta de crédito, vaya a [floridagardens.net](http://floridagardens.net) y seleccione "CONTRIBUIR" en la barra de menú superior. Dependiendo de su dispositivo, puede estar ubicado en "Más". Su transacción está protegida a través de PayPal, pero NO necesita tener una cuenta de PayPal. Ingrese el monto de la contribución y seleccione PayPal o su propia tarjeta de crédito. Después de ingresar la información de su tarjeta de crédito, seleccione la casilla de verificación "Comparta su dirección postal..." para que podamos registrar correctamente su contribución. Además, tenga en cuenta que la Asociación debe pagar una tarifa de procesamiento por las contribuciones realizadas en línea a través de nuestro sitio web o mediante VENMO.

Para contribuir con cheque, use el cupón que se encuentra al final de la página 4. Puede enviarlo por correo o ahorrarse el costo de una estampilla simplemente depositando el sobre en el buzón seguro frente a la Casa Club.

NOTA: todas las contribuciones de los miembros recibidas, independientemente de la fecha de recepción, corresponden al año calendario en el que se recibieron.



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Apunte su cámara al código QR, abra el enlace y luego siga las instrucciones de pago. Asegúrese de agregar su nombre y dirección en la parte del memorando para que podamos realizar un seguimiento de las contribuciones.



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