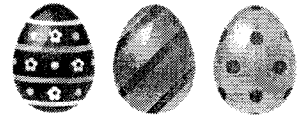


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Board of Directors' Corner

At the Board of Directors Meeting held on Thursday, March 27, three motions were unanimously passed. Two of these projects were pending and one is All three are for the start-up projects that come under the special assessment. They are as follows:

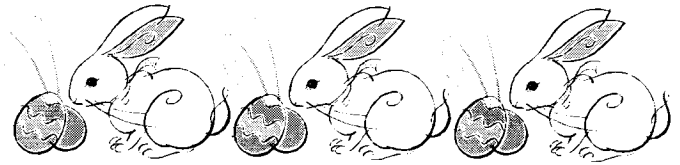
1. Clubhouse Dance Floor. After searching over various products a vinyl flooring was selected and the contract approved from Father & Sons Carpet & Flooring for \$8,680.00. We hope to complete this project as soon as possible.
2. The Exercise Room Elliptical console stopped working and since the equipment was in good condition a repair was in order for \$1,324.80. That work has been completed and the Elliptical is back in operation.
3. Clubhouse Decking repair: Contract was awarded to CARE Facility Mgmt. for \$17,500.00 and consists of replacing corroded supporting joist hangers & pipe clamps under the deck, 3 fascia boards, 1 rotted column and railing. There could be additional work needed once they get under the deck. This project should be underway once the required permitted in completed.

Two of these projects were pending items and the deck work falls under the special assessment funding. Moving right along.

POOL DECK

As approved at the February Board Meeting, the pool deck area will be leveled by drilling holes in the surface where cracking & settling has occurred. They will be pumping a polyurethane under the surface to fill voids and stabilize the soil underneath.

This work is scheduled to begin tomorrow April 2 & 3 and the swimming pool area will be closed during the project.



DO NOT FEED RACCOONS

Please, do not ever feed raccoons, they are wild animals and carry many infectious diseases and pericytes that can affect your pets and even you! Raccoons are typically nocturnal animals but we are now seeing these raccoons throughout the day because they are being domesticated by being feed during the daylight hours.

We are calling trappers to trap as many as we can, but they keep coming. With 200+ acres of vacant shoreline property next door, there is no telling how many are out there. These trappers are not free, we have to pay them.

This is not fair to the residents of the community and it's not fair to the raccoons.

You can call Indian River County Animal Control at 772-226-4799 if you ever see any animal that is incapacitated.

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

The Annual Inspection task lists have been mailed.

Please contact the office within 30 days of receiving your notice stating your plans for completion. The work does not need to be completed within 30 days; it is just to acknowledge that you intend to do so.

There are a total of 131 homes noted as "OK", which represents 55% of the community.

Thank you to everyone for taking pride in your community.

 **HAPPY** 
Easter

SUNSHINE CLUB

"Sympathy" cards sent to:

- Barbara Troupe - Loss of Jack
- Audrey Ross - Loss of John
- Emily Harris - Loss of Mary Ann
- Family of Carolyn Melton
- Family of Shirley Romano

Contact Antoinette Watson at 772-631-7851 if you know of someone that could use a SUNSHINE Greeting.

GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

The GG Book Club will be meeting next on Wednesday, April 16th at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing is "Never Forget You" by Fiona Lucas. Some love stories end before they even begin... When Lili meets Ben by chance one hot summer's day, it feels like fate.

May's book choice is "The Girls in the Stilt House" by Kelly Mustian. This beautiful and harrowing tale of two young women is cast in an unlikely partnership through murder.

The Book Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:00, everyone is welcome anytime. After our meeting, several of us like to go out to lunch.

If you have any questions or would like to be included in any correspondence regarding meetings, please contact Sheila Dilley at 727-741-0494.



♥ BRIDGE SCORES ♦

Tues, Mar 4

1. Lee Weiler
2. Rayma Kreider
3. Marilyn Armstrong

♥ BRIDGE SCORES ♦

Tues, Mar 18

1. B.J. Marnie
2. Phil Dickinson
3. Lee Weiler



Owner recommendation: When selecting your lighting for your outside porch or garage coach lights, try to match the soft white lighting similar to the mailbox lighting. The mailbox lighting gives a soft warm hew to the community rather than a harsh white light. Thank You.

MEN'S POKER GROUP - The Wednesday Night Poker Group needs players. If interested contact Bob Hallander at 678-516-8626.



-How many Easter eggs can you fit in an empty basket

****Only one, after that it is not empty anymore!!!**

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Some snowbirds return to Garden Grove before hurricane season is over in November. So, we have scheduled our annual hurricane briefing for Monday April 14th at 1:30 PM to enable snowbirds to attend, as well as new residents, and anyone who would like an update.

The briefing gives a comprehensive overview of hurricanes and the risks in Garden Grove as well as how to plan ahead. It includes a show-and-tell of some useful tools and devices. We will also show a couple of pertinent videos.

What does our Hurricane Preparedness Group do and how can you help them? They don't make plans for you and they don't make decisions for you but their role is important. We could use a few more volunteers. Contact Gordon at 724 695 7892 to find out more.

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

After a disaster, there will be some people that venture out with concern for your neighbors, pets, etc. It was found that many of these well-meaning people become casualties themselves because they were unaware of the many dangers involved. So, a national organization indorsed by FEMA was formed to provide training to volunteers. Indian River County has a robust CERT organization, rejuvenated after Covid, and a few people with Garden Grove have been trained.

For safety reasons, Professional Responders do not go out on calls during a major disaster. After the disaster has passed and after obstacles and dangers are cleared these Professional Responders are prioritizing their next steps. So, in reality, your first responders could actually be your neighbors, some of them CERT certified.

If you are interested in becoming trained and certified or would like more information you can contact: Gordon Kemp at: 724-695-7892

You may also reach out to Gordon if you are interested in joining his Hurricane Preparedness Group.



Garden Grove Bowling League

We have 2 more weeks in our bowling league.

Here is our season High Scores report:

Scratch Game – Men

227 Eddie Boatwright 194 Sharon Bonfiglio
214 Chuck Armstrong 188 Johnna Swensen
213 Mike Bonfiglio 187 Sharon Reid

Women

Scratch Series

588 Mike Bonfiglio	534 Sharon Bonfiglio
555 Bill Mahoney	474 Sharon Reid
524 Eddie Boatwright	474 Rosa Tierman

If you are interested in being a substitute bowler or if you have any questions, please contact Jerry Tierman, 573-480-7459.

THE Social Club

PAST EVENTS:

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** On March 12, Garden Grove ladies patronized the American Icon Brewery. Our noontime gathering was filled with great conversation and delicious food.

--**OUTDOOR DAY:** Saturday, March 8 our outdoor day started off with a scavenger hunt and continued with a corn hole tournament & BBQ. We had 9 teams for the scavenger hunt which was the most ever! Following the scavenger hunt teams met behind the tennis courts for a cornhole tournament and a BBQ.

It was a beautiful day so I was a little disappointed not to see more people take advantage of the free BBQ and root for their favorite team --next time.

Congratulations to our cornhole tournament winners; ANA & BRUCE

--**ST. PATRICK'S DAY:** A fan favorite!!

As always Kent Taylor Brown & 14 Bones delivered making it a wonderful evening for everyone. This year a group of Garden Grover's also entertained everyone with their Irish Dancing skills.

Thank you to our wonderful hosts; Anne Fiden, Patti Frost, Sue Peterson & all their helpers. A special thank you to Merry Russell who made her delicious soda bread.

UPCOMING NEWS

--**BINGO:** Bingo dates for April will be the 2nd & 16th. There are 10 games at \$1.00 per game. The first game starts at 6:30. Garden Grove Bingo is for residents and houseguests only.

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** Our next venture will be Wednesday, April 9. (For planning purposes, we always try and go the second Wednesday of the month.) As of right now we are still discussing our next location. Please call Shirley by noon on Tuesday April 8 if you plan to attend. Final reservations will be made around 4 PM.

--**THEATER-GOERS:** April 14 is the date that new season subscription goes on sale through Nov. 9.

If you would like to attend a matinee with other people from GG please purchase your seats and contact Shirley Johnson so you can be included in the carpool / pre-theater lunches. Couples and singles welcome. Shirley's seat is K103 but you may purchase your ticket any place in the theater for the Thursday 2 PM matinee. You may, of course, purchase tickets individually rather than seasonally if you wish. If you purchase all four tickets a 20% discount applies. If you purchase three of the four tickets, a 10% discount is applied.

The four shows on the Stark Stage next season are Little Shop of Horrors (Oct. 30); A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder (January 22); Jesus Christ Superstar (March 12); 9 to 5 (April 30).

The last show of the 2024-2025 Riverside Theater season --Beautiful-The Carole King Story will be performed on Thursday April 24 at 2 PM. If you would like to join the group contact Shirley Johnson 772 538 6868 for details.



--**SOCIAL CLUB MEETING:** Our next meeting will be April 8 @ 9:30am. Remember **ALL** Garden Grove residents are automatically members of the Social Club, even if you are renting. Everyone's input is important, so come give yours!

**Just a head's up our May Social Club meeting will be May 20 instead of May 13, as I will be away on the 13th.

--**POOL PARTY:** Our annual pool party is in the planning stage. It is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23 with sign up April 9 from 10-12. Music this year will be DJ Entertainment Plus.

If mother nature interferes with our plans the party will be moved indoors. Watch your mailbox for further details, cost, time, ect.

--**TRIVIA:** April 25 will be your opportunity to challenge the current Garden Grove Trivia Champions -- The Super Six! Please plan to join us for an evening of camaraderie and challenge. We will follow the same format; with finger food and mingling at 5:30 PM. The 50/50 drawing will take place at 6:30 PM followed by 6 rounds of Trivia.

A flyer will be distributed closer to the event with a reminder of the details. Please let Shirley Johnson know your plans no later than Thursday, April 24. If we are unable to field three teams by then we will postpone the event. Once we have reached our minimum 3 teams walk-ins are welcome.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

--**BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE:** Cake and ice cream April 27 from 1:30 -2:30 to celebrate with your neighbors our Garden Grove's April birthdays.

--**KENTUCKY DERBY:** Saturday, May 3 this is a long day but an event with non stop fun! We not only bet on the actual Kentucky Derby race but we also bet on Garden Grove races with our very own GG jockeys. You can also take part in our rendition of the Run for Roses. The fun will begin at 3:00. So, bring your money and women don't forget your hat for the hat parade. Blue Ribbon will be catering, the cost is yet to be determined. We will have sign up April 16 from 10-12. The cut off date will be 4PM April 28. Since there is a caterer involved this deadline will be strictly followed. Watch your mailbox for a detailed flyer.

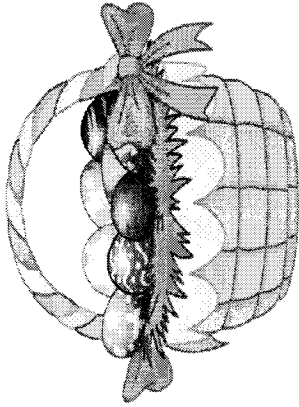
**Although we would love to have you attend if for some reason you cannot, you can still place a bet at 3:30.

--PARTIES & EVENTS:

An explanation to our new residents and a reminder to our veteran residents. The flyers for events are full of valuable information. We try and have sign up about 2 weeks before the event, giving you plenty of time to call the event host to sign up if you were busy the day of sign up or if you forgot. If the event is being catered, we, as the host, have a deadline set to us by the caterer. Once we give the number of people who have signed up to the caterer we cannot continually add to that number. We ask that you please be mindful of these deadlines. If you have already paid for a dinner, we will deliver it to you, therefore, we do not return the check. If the event is not catered our number is still important because we want you to have a seat but we can accept walk ins the date of the event, but a text or phone call is always appreciated. The flyer will have this information on it.

Each event has one price you cannot pay for just the music part of it or just come for the music.

MAY: Snow Birds -- Be safe in your travels north & we will see you on your return!



Every Day Activities

Water Aerobics - 8:00 & 9:15 AM

Monday

Tennis - 8:30 AM (mixed)

Aerobic & Chair Exercise - 9:00 AM

Mah Jongg - 6:00 PM

Hand & Foot - 6:15 PM

Tuesday

Tennis lady's - 9:00 AM

YOGA - 10:00 AM

CHAIR YOGA - 11:00 AM

Canasta - 12:30 PM

Bridge - 1:00 PM

Wednesday

Tennis - 8:30 AM (mixed)

Aerobic & Chair Exercise - 9:00 AM

Crafts - 1:00 PM

Poker lady's - 1:00 PM

Hand & Foot - 6:15 PM

Thursday

YOGA - 10:00 AM

CHAIR YOGA - 11:00 am

Bowling - 2:00 pm

Friday

Tennis - 8:30 AM (mixed)

Aerobic & Chair Exercise - 9:00 AM

Mah Jongg - 10:00 AM

Ladies Golf - 2:00 PM

Hand & Foot - 6:15 PM

Saturday

Golf - 7:00 AM

Open Tennis - 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM

YOGA - 10:00 AM

CHAIR YOGA - 11:00 AM

APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8 9:30 SOCIAL CLUB MTG	9 Sign-up Pool Party 10-12 Ladies Lunch	10	11	12 Passover begins
13	14	15	16 11:00 Book Club 6:30 BINGO	17	18	19
20 Easter	21	22 EARTH DAY	23 POOL PARTY	24 10:30 Board Meeting	25 TRIVIA 5:30	26
27 Birthday Open- House 1:30-2:30	28	29	30	May 1	2	MAY 3 Derby Day

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