

# Garden Clippings



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## **Board of Directors' Corner**

### **Wrapping Up Summer**

Hello September! As summer winds down, we can all agree it has been a hot one, and the mosquitos have certainly made their presence known. Even so, our community has kept moving forward, and we want to share a few updates with you.

Our summer landscaping, irrigation tune-ups, and common-area touch-ups are largely complete, and things are looking good around the neighborhood. If you spot any issues, please be sure to let Juniper know at [customercare@juniperlandscaping.com](mailto:customercare@juniperlandscaping.com). You may also notice a new "No Trespassing" sign at the front gate, which has been added as part of our efforts to enhance community safety. And if you haven't yet picked up the new Rules Booklet and Community Directory, they are available in the office during regular hours.

Looking ahead, the Finance Committee has begun preparing next year's budget and reserve priorities. We will share an overview at the upcoming Board meetings and welcome your questions and input. As part of this process, we are also pleased to share some important news about trash and recycling. As you know Indian River County signed a five-year contract with Waste Management requiring universal trash and recycling collection countywide. The cost will now be itemized in your county taxes at approximately \$15 per month. Since this cost was previously included in your association fees, that line item will be eliminated from the 2026 budget. Out of your \$312 monthly dues, \$10.69 was designated for trash service. While this does not necessarily mean your dues will be reduced by exactly that amount next year, it will certainly help offset other cost increases. Please note that Garden Grove will still be responsible for the monthly cost of the clubhouse dumpster.

We also encourage you to mark your calendars for the upcoming presentations by potential new management companies. Keystone will be presenting on September 18 at 10:00AM and Elliott Merrill in October. These meetings will be an excellent opportunity for you to learn more, ask questions, and share your feedback with us as we consider the best path forward.

As we head into fall, we remind everyone to avoid blocking sidewalks and to keep fire lanes and hydrants clear. For the safety of both residents and wildlife, please do not feed animals. Porch and garden décor should remain neat, weather-safe, and within the guidelines of the Rules Booklet. At the pool, posted signs must be followed as required by law, and children must be supervised at all times. And with hurricane season continuing through November, please secure loose outdoor items, refresh your emergency kits, and ensure your contact information is up to date with the office.

We also have several ongoing and upcoming projects you'll notice around the community, including work on the clubhouse deck, gutters, and doors, as well as updates to the front gate entrance mechanisms and cameras. Pool cameras are also part of this improvement plan.

Thank you to everyone who attended the summer Board meetings, shared feedback, or simply contributed to the positive spirit of our neighborhood. Your Board remains committed to making Garden Grove a safe, welcoming, and friendly place to live.

Contact information for Waste Management:  
•Solid Waste Director: Himanshu Mehta  
([hmehta@indianriver.gov](mailto:hmehta@indianriver.gov)) 772-226-3211.  
•Recycle Coordinator: Sue Flak  
([sglak@indianriver.gov](mailto:sglak@indianriver.gov)) 772-226-3206.

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### **2025 ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the membership is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 PM. That seems like a long way off, but there is a lot of preparation between now & then. This is a membership meeting where you can share your ideas for the community with the other owners in attendance.

You will receive your required first notice in October, which is sent 60 days in advance of the meeting. This mailing is to inform you of the date, time, and location of the upcoming meeting, and will include a Notice of Intent to be a Candidate form. For those entertaining the thought of becoming a Board Member, completed forms must be returned by Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

## SUNSHINE CLUB

***“Get Well” cards sent to:***

- Guido Deganello
- Steve Nystrom
- Bob Decker

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

*With a Heart Full of Gratitude*

*On April 11, I quite literally stumbled into a new adventure—I ruptured the peroneal ligament in my right foot. After surgical reconstruction on April 23, I spent the next few months learning the fine art of being “homebound.” During that time, my neighbors and friends stepped in with such kindness that I am still humbled.*

*You brought meals, desserts, and cookies (and yes, I discovered more than one chocolate bunny cleverly hidden in my refrigerator). You checked in before grocery runs, offered rides to surgeon visits and physical therapy, and—most importantly—showed up simply to visit and keep me company. When cabin fever struck, you loaded up my pet knee bike (later traded in for a walker, then a cane) and whisked me away for pancakes or even a glorious day at the beach.*

*Each gesture—large and small—meant the world. I felt cared for, encouraged, and supported in ways that I will never forget. Garden Grove is more than just a place to live—it is a family; one I am grateful beyond words to be a part of.*

*To all who lifted my spirits, filled my freezer, ferried me about, and made me laugh when I wanted to cry—thank you. You’ve proven what I always suspected: chocolate bunnies are medicinal, pancakes are therapy, and friendship is the very best kind of healing.*

*With love and gratitude, Deborah McTiernan*



## Garden Grove Bowling League

The Bowling League will begin its 2025-2026 season on Thursday, October 2nd and it will run through April 9th. We play Thursday afternoons at 2:00 pm with a short practice before at Vero Bowl-Lanes & Lounge (behind the Green Marlin Restaurant on the Southbound side of Rt.1). All Garden Grove residents, their family and friends are welcome to join the league. No experience required.

The league will be having a meeting on Thursday, September 4th at 2:00 pm in the GG Clubhouse to review team selections, decide on team Captains, team names and review rules. If you want to be a new bowler and are interested in being on a team, please contact Jerry Tierman at 573-480-7459 beforehand, so he can ensure you are on a team. If you are interested in only being a substitute bowler or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to him.

## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS 2025

### Lessons from Erin

We are now in peak hurricane season. Erin went from small Cat 1 to just under a Cat 5 in less than 24 hrs. A new record! Many recent hurricanes have surprised forecasters that way. Ocean temps are over 80 degrees and increasing. Track forecasts are improving but decision/preparation times are decreasing.

Did you fill your gas tank? Get more water? Freeze some gallon bottles, check your go-bag?

It's hard to think of a major disaster when we haven't yet had to experience one.

About 1/3 of Garden Grove homes are snowbirds or vacant. A few snowbirds return in Sept. Approximately 85 residents have indicated at what hurricane category they would evacuate. That leaves about 80 that we don't have information about or who have said they are staying, no matter what.

Your hurricane coordinators have provided, or attempted to provide, all the info you need to make decisions and to prepare. If you have not made preparations to evacuate at the Category level you chose, should local searchers, including your good samaritan neighbors, risk their lives searching in the rubble of a Cat 4 or Cat 5 hurricane?

As a trained potential searcher, I Gordon if I am here, would not search for people on the first go-around, whose intentions are not clear on our search list; can't decide now at what level they would evacuate or don't make plans. Don't put your neighbors at risk unnecessarily. Gordon

## Disaster Radio Net

Our Garden Grove radio net is held each Monday at 6PM on walkie talkie channel 6. Everybody is welcome! This net is a backup within Garden Grove, for when power and normal communications are not available (phones, texts, etc).

About 25 people in Garden Grove have walkie talkies. A few join in each week to check their equipment and protocols as their schedules permit. Experience shows that more people check in as hurricanes are approaching. It was useful last year as the tornadoes were headed our direction. Since only one person can talk at a time, a net works best if one person steps up and moderates. Gordon normally moderates this net but anybody can take over if he is not here.

If we were here and we had casualties, Gordon would pass the consolidated request for help through the CERT tower to the Emergency Operations Center; who may not get the information through normal means. They typically give priority to consolidated information if appropriate.

Our net usually reaches one couple in Grove Isle, who also has the capability to pass information to the CERT tower. Anyone interested in learning more can contact Gordon at 724 695-7892.

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## ♥ BRIDGE SCORES ♦

**Tues, August 5**

1. Gordon Kemp
2. Rayma Kreider
3. Lee Weiler

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# THE Social Club

## PAST EVENTS:

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** On August 13, the Garden Grove ladies lunch group met at Tuohy's downtown

We managed to stay cool in the midst of the scorching temperatures that day. We had a leisurely lunch with lots of good conversation and delicious food.

Many of us tried the onion soup, which is a signature dish for Tuohy's! It did not disappoint.

--**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Our numbers were down a bit, but those who came enjoyed a delicious bowl of ice cream with all the trimmings.

## UPCOMING NEWS

--**BINGO:** Bingo dates for Sept. will be the 3rd & 17<sup>th</sup>; we are back on schedule. There are 10 games at \$1.00 per game. The first game starts at 6:30.

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** Next month we will meet on September 10, but we are still deciding on the place. If you are interested in joining in the fun, contact Shirley Johnson at 772 538 6868.

--**SOCIAL CLUB MEETING:** Sept. 9 we will be having a first fall Social Club meeting. Everyone in Garden Grove including renters are members of the social club.

Everyone's input is important.

--**UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS:** Keep your eye on the Garden Grove Clippings for details regarding various fundraisers we will be having to benefit Vero Beach. We will be putting to use our new BBQ.

--**TRIVIA:** Our next trivia challenge will be Friday, October 24. We will have finger food buffet, followed by a 50-50 drawing and six rounds of trivia. More information will come in the October clippings; however, the format will be the same.

--**THEATER GOERS:** If you are interested in attending the the 2025-2026 main stage productions at Riverside please contact Shirley Johnson.

Simply purchase your tickets online or at the theater for the Thursday matinee. Let Shirley know that you'd like to join the pre-theater lunch on that day and/or be included in a carpool.

You may sit anywhere in the theater that you choose; however, Shirley's seat is K116. You will receive a 20% discount if you purchase tickets for all four plays; a 10% discount if you purchase tickets for three plays; and full price is required for either one or two plays.

The upcoming season promises some old favorites as well as some less familiar plays-Little Shop of Horrors; Love and Murder; Jesus Christ Superstar; and 9 to 5.

## --BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE:

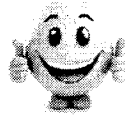
The Sept Birthday celebration will be Sunday, September 28 @ 1:30-2:30.



## --THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

A personal thank you to Kathy Dalbey who took time out of her afternoon to help me reorganize a much needed social club storage room.

**LOOKING FOR:** A German band for a possible Oktoberfest, so if you know of one here in Vero please let Linda know. (907 362 2389)



## HUMOR:

--WHAT KIND OF COMPUTER IS THE BEST SINGER?

-- A DELL

## GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

The GG Book Club will be meeting next on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing is "Verity" by Colleen Hoover. This psychological thriller follows Lowen Ashleigh, a struggling writer hired to complete the final books in a successful series by the incapacitated author Verity Crawford.

October's book choice is "The Secret Life of Sunflowers" by Dana Marton writing as Marta Molnar. This historical fiction is based on the true story of Johanna Bonger, sister-in-law to Vincent van Gogh, who was instrumental in establishing his artistic legacy after his death.

The Book Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



The Garden Grove Book Club Lunch - Six great Meals at CAFE 66, 685 US1, VB 772-567-6700.

We arrived at CAFE 66 with expectations for great BBQ. What we found was a Full menu of a variety of different meal choices. There was something for everyone one of us. One of the specials of the day was a smoked turkey wrap. So good with fries. A Quesadilla minus the spice that was enjoyed. A pulled pork item made a big hit. In fact, there wasn't a full plate left of any meal! I'm sure most of us will be repeat customers. Service in this lunch time crowded CAFE 66 was swift & pleasant. Go take a chance on some excellent food.

*Deborah Katsaros*

## PAINT LIKE BOB ROSS

I have invited Certified Bob Ross Instructor, Steven Brooks, to paint with us on Saturday, November 8 10:00-12:30. Steven will lead you through your painting in 2 ½ hours. All the materials you need will be included.

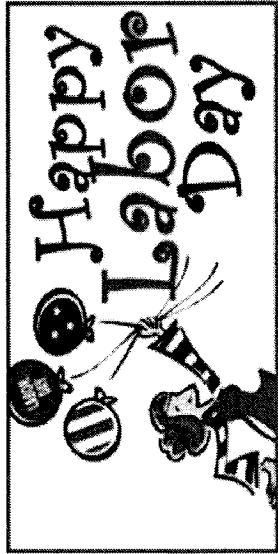
Beginners Welcome - No previous painting experience required. All supplies are included. You only need to bring your great attitude and a winning smile. You will proudly take home your own completed oil painting \$59.00.

We will need 10 people min. -or- 20 people max.

Please call or text Jerry Tierman at 573-480-7459.

Sign-up at clubhouse on Wed. Oct 22 from 10-noon.

Painting Class - Sat. Nov 8. 10:00 - 12:30.



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

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

# September

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 LABOR DAY	2	3 6:30 BINGO	4	5	6
7 Grandparents Day FULL MOON	8	9 9:30 Social Club Meeting	10 Ladies Lunch	11 Patriot Day	12	13
14	15	16	17 11:00 Book Club 6:30 BINGO	18 10:00 Board Meeting	19	20
21 Peace Day	22 Autumn begins	23	24	25	26	27
28 Birthday Open House 1:30-2:30	29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4

# 2025