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Board of Directors' Corner

As of August 1st, Garden Grove is under new management with Elliott Merrill Management Company.

So far everyone has received information on setting up their monthly association fee payments with either an auto-pay service or payment coupons. They will also be distributing information for on-line options as well. For those wishing to pay by direct bill-pay from their bank, you can use the address and account number shown on the coupons.

For those that are anxiously waiting to make sure your auto-pay is working, give it a few days since the new accounts were not active until Aug. 1.

The Board of Directors held a short single purpose procedural meeting on Friday, July 31, in order to execute closure paperwork with FirstService Residential. A mutual release of claim agreement was signed stating that both Amy and Rey were permitted to leave FirstService and continue to work for Garden Grove Club as employees of Elliott Merrill Management.

Elliott Merrill has hired a new maintenance employee for Garden Grove and his name is Mike. Mike has been shadowing Rey since last week and we feel he will be a great addition to the team. I hope you will welcome Mike when you see him around the community.

There are no scheduled Board Meetings until September 24th but should the need arise, we will provide you with advanced notice.



CLUBHOUSE CONSTRUCTION

The clubhouse door & window installations are going well and there is still a lot of work to be done before we will be ready to open up. The full closure of the clubhouse is due to access safety since all the door hardware is not yet in place, and right now it is quite a mess with the window installations. Once that is completed then the drywall, trim work & painting will begin. There are a few doors left to install then the finishing drywall, trim work, hardware and painting on the doors will be done.

Thank you for your patience.



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

REMINDER It is "hurricane season".
Be ready !

- Pick up a few non-perishable items each time you go to the store
- Watch out for sales on batteries & flashlights
- A spare cooler is a good thing to have on hand.
- Save some of your empty gallon plastic jugs so you can fill them later if you need water.
- Get any necessary medications in order.



SUNSHINE CLUB

"Sympathy" cards sent to:

- Ross Family – loss of Audrey
- Betsy Beebe – loss of daughter, Shelly

"Get Well" cards sent to:

- Phil James - Pat Tifft
- Skip Collins - Sharon Reid

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Garden Grove Bowling League

The Garden Grove Bowling League will begin its 2026-2027 season on Thursday, October 15th, 2026 and it will run through April 8th, 2027.

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 3rd, 2026 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL DONATIONS

It's Back to School Time! I will be collecting school supplies this year for Dodgertown Elementary School in Gifford. There will be a collection box in the foyer of the Clubhouse for the next several weeks. As a former teacher, I always loved getting all those supplies, so nerdy!! If you could help out, that would be wonderful and I'm sure the kids and teachers will appreciate it.

Thank you in advance for your support, always so gracious and generous!

Kathy Flynn

Help to Install Shutters

On the bulletin board we plan to post a short list of persons who would help residents install their hurricane shutters. If you, or anyone you know, would be willing to have your/their name added to the list, please let Gordon or Amy know.

Garden Grove Emergency Radio

If a major hurricane were to hit Garden Grove, there could be significant damage to homes, flooding, etc. If you remain, you could become a casualty. The prudent people whom you might count on for help, likely will have left. Professional responders (911) may not be available for a few days. And the communications you usually rely on (phones, cell phones, texting, internet) may all be inoperable.

But cheap walkie talkies would still work within the community. These are what the emergency radio net within Garden Grove uses. We practice every Monday at 6 PM on channel 6. Anyone who has a walkie talkie radio should join in periodically to make sure their walkie talkie is working and that they know the protocol. As a hurricane is approaching, we schedule more frequent checks. After a disaster we would use them to consolidate casualty information. A couple of CERT members on the net have the capability of passing that information to the Indian River Emergency Operations Center when normal communications are out.

If you don't have a walkie talkie radio, I still have a few at cost (\$10) and am happy to show you how easy they are to use. Gordon 724 695-7892

GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

The GG Book Club will meet next on Wednesday, August 19th at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing is "And Then We Hit A Rock" by Greg Buehler. This book is a humorous travel memoir about his family of five, plus a dog and cat, moving onto a 46-foot sailboat for a year of adventure, which turns out to be full of unexpected challenges like shipwrecks, pirates, and hurricanes, rather than the idyllic, "Margaritaville" they imagined.

September's book choice is "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi. This novel is about a mysterious, elderly stranger named Theo who arrives in the fictional Southern city of Golden, where he buys pencil portraits of residents from a local coffeehouse and returns them to the subjects, asking only for their life stories in exchange.

The Book Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:00, everyone is welcome to attend 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



PAST EVENTS:

--**JULY 4 BBQ:** First off, a huge thank you to Jerry Tierman & Dave Wilkinson who graciously volunteered to be our grillers!!

Also, thank you to all of our readers and to Kathy Dalbey for the great idea of reminding us what our constitution actually says. Remember if you ever have an idea don't hesitate to bring it to me. It was a great gathering with a lot of delicious food.

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** July 8, we gathered at the Twisted Lime. We are lucky to have one of our favorite locations so close to home.

With a smaller group in attendance, we were able to chat and enjoy being with each other easily.

--**TRIVIA:** The monthly Trivia competition was held on Friday, July 17. The team of Jackie Davis, Madeline and Joe Ruggiero edged out the competition by a single point!

--**RICK'S AMERICANA:** Our July Rick's Americana scheduled for Sunday July 26 was cancelled due to the door and window construction at the clubhouse. Watch for rescheduling information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

--**PONTOON BOAT SUNSET CRUISE:**

We would like to take advantage of the Environmental Learning Center offering Sunset cruises during the month of August.

It would cost \$36 PP but we must have 16 people. There are no restrooms on board but there are restrooms before and after the tour. It is a 2-hour trip and you can bring your own food and drink. You must be able to go down 3 steps from dock to boat. The ELC is near Wabasso which is about 30 minute drive so we would car pool.

The actual date cannot be determined until we have our 16 people but it would be in August. Please contact Judy Kemp | 205 4225 ASAP if you are interested.

--**BINGO:** Linda is continuing her bingo break for August. Sept. 2 will be the next scheduled Garden Grove bingo.

--**POKENO:** Will continue on August 5 & the 19. It is \$2.00 per game / 5 games. There will not be a 50/50 but snacks are welcome.

--**SOCIAL CLUB MEETING:** There will not be an August meeting. The next meeting will be Sept. 8.

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** Our next gathering is August 12. While we have not made a final decision as to location, we are looking into a new restaurant in Fort Pierce that sounds intriguing.

If you would like to join the group, please let Shirley Johnson (772 538 6868) know by August 6 to enable her to make preliminary reservations for the group. Shirley will call in final numbers on Tuesday, August 11 around 4 PM.

--**TRIVIA:** Our next competition will be August 21. We will follow our usual format. . . Mingle with the competition and enjoy a finger food buffet beginning at 5 PM, followed by the drawing of the 50-50 ticket and six rounds of Trivia.

Please consider joining us on August 21. We would love to have more people participate. It is an early evening, promising a lot of fun! People are usually home between 7:30 and 8 PM.

Make your reservations as a team or singly with Shirley Johnson (772 538 6868). There is no cost involved however, Shirley needs to have a head count to make sure there is enough people to field a competitive event.

--**THEATER GOERS:** If you are interested in subscribing for the 2026-2027 season, please contact Shirley Johnson phone or text at 772 538 6868 to discuss possibilities.

Pricing is a little different for this season as well as the configuration of a season ticket; however, it can be worked out to everyone's satisfaction with a little bit of preplanning.

While we would like to stick to a matinee, the day of the week can change. We have attended Thursday for the past few years.

--**IDEAS:** If you have any thoughts or ideas for possible events for next season, please let Linda know. You don't have to be the host but your help would be appreciated.

--**THINGS BREWING FOR UPCOMING SEASON:**

- *High Tea (women only)
- *Talent Show
- *Murder Mystery
- *Octoberfest . . . to name a few

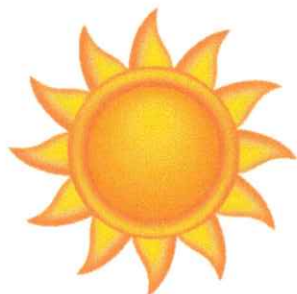
So --if you are getting rid of any vintage tea pots or vintage tea cups OR if you know of an Octoberfest band . . . PLEASE let Linda know 907 362 2389.

HUMOR:

What kind of lights did Noah use on the ark?



ANSWER: Floodlights



AUGUST

Every Day Activities

Water Aerobics - 9:00 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
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
Water Aerobics - 9:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Clubhouse closed all week	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Clubhouse closed all week	10	11	12 Ladies Lunch	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 11:00 Book Club 6:30 Pokeno	20	21 TRIVIA 5:00	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Full Moon	29
30 Americana BYOB 5:30	31	September 1	2 6:30 BINGO	3	4	5

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