## Garden Clippings



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### **Board of Directors' Corner**

### SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Directors Special Meeting on Jan 16<sup>th</sup> was well attended and the particulars of the Special Assessment and the planned projects were discussed. Those projects are:

- Reserve Study
- Retention Pond Culvert Repairs
- Storm Drain Cleaning
- Clubhouse Decking-Railing-Post Repairs
- Clubhouse Door Replacements
- Swimming Pool Decking Options
- South Perimeter Repairs
- Landscaping and Nature Trail

Here is the latest information on how to pay your Special Assessment: You will receive a coupon booklet that will include 3 payment coupons, each in the amount of \$500.00. The payment schedule is: Feb 15 – May 15 and Sept 15 for the final payment. You can pay the full amount in one payment, two payments but you will have the option of making 3 payments. Unfortunately, this cannot be paid through your monthly auto-pay since it is a separate account.

As discussed at the meeting, these funds will be held in a separate bank account and not commingled with any of your operating or reserve funds. The activity of this account will be posted as projects progress to give you a full view of the funding status.

The Board and Committees are now working with the contractors putting the finishing touches on these projects so as funds allow, we are able to move forward.

### **PAST & PRESENT MEMORY WALK**

Just a reminder that the Clubhouse Memory Walk pavers is an ongoing project and are available for purchase at any time.

This is not only for our lost loved ones, this is for all GG residents, current and past.

Make your mark on the Garden Grove Walk of Fame!!

The cost is \$60 for 3 lines (14 characters each) and \$15 for an optional icon. A sample and order forms are available on the counter outside of the clubhouse office.

### **NEW LANDSCAPING CONTRACTOR**

Over the last several months the Board has interviewed 4 independent landscaping contractors holding various individual site visits, meetings and have selected Juniper Landscaping on a one-year contract.

Juniper Landscaping will begin on February 1st and their plan is a bit different from what you are used to. Their crews will be here two days per week on Wednesdays & Thursdays, with a crew leader on each crew and a supervisor on site:

- -The mow crew will mow ½ of the property each day. So, if you see that the lawns across the street were mowed but you were not, do not fear, they will be back the following day.
- -The trim crews will be starting at one end of the property and continue until they have completed the entire property. You should see the trim crew at our home once per month, barring any unforeseen weather interruptions or special projects.
- -Special work requests should still be delivered to the office for submittal. Please refrain from giving the crews individual requests as they work from a work order system.

Please, let's give them a chance to get to know the property. They promise that we will have the same crews every week so be patient while they get to know their way around. This property is a real challenge, even finding your way in & out of these backyards takes some experience.

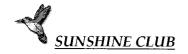
The Board made them promise that we would have Disney services at Garden Grove prices.

### **ANNUAL INSPECTIONS**

The Architectural Advisory Committee will begin their annual inspections this month. This an annual activity that started in 2005 and every year since that time for the betterment of the community. Our task list items include the typical pressure washing clean up, wood decay and painting, as well as courtesy suggestions to help you keep your investment in good repair.

A sample checklist of items to be inspected is posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.





"Get Well" cards sent to:

- Clare White
- Joe Gama

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

Thank you for your generosity - A huge and happy thank you to all of those who donated toys for United Against Poverty. I delivered a shopping cart full! I was told that a father living in a motel with 3 kids was unable to buy them anything for Christmas and found age-appropriate toys for all of them!

Thanks to the generous elves at Garden Grove!

### **GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB**

The GG Book Club will be meeting next on Wednesday. February 19th at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing is "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. This book revolves around a great Pacific Octopus in a small-town aquarium and a lovely widow who cleans it. The two unlikely friends navigate their individual isolated lives as both deal with heartbreak

March's book choice is, "The Store" by James Patterson. This book is about Jacob and Megan Brandeis plan to expose a secretive and evil corporation, the fallout threatens to destroy them.

The Book Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:00, all are 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.



Anyone interested in joining a committee - please contact the office or a Board Member.



### **PROTECT OUR TREES**

When placing your trash & recycle carts out to the street for Monday pick-up, please watch that you are not placing them under a tree. The Waste Management truck can cause some damage to the tree trying to get to your trash, or they may not be able to access your carts at all and just pass you by.

Reminder that your trash & recycle carts should be placed 3' apart from one another so that the truck can easily access one cart without displacing the other -and- away from the mailbox to avoid damage.

### CPR / AED TRAINING has been cancelled due to lack of participation



### Garden Grove Bowling League

The Garden Grove Bowling season is up and running with some great scores.

Here is our season High Scores report:

Scratch Game - Men Women

> 227 Eddie Boatwright 194 Sharon Bonfiglio 214 Chuck Armstrong 188 Johnna Swensen

213 Mike Bonfiglio

187 Sharon Reid

**Scratch Series** 

588 Mike Bonfiglio 534 Sharon Bonfiglio 524 Eddie Boatwright 474 Sharon Reid 515 Joe Scorpati 470 Rosa Tierman

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

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### **▼ BRIDGE SCORES ◆ <u>♣ BRIDGE SCORES <del>♣</del></u>** Tues, Jan 7 Tues, Jan 14 1. Phil Dickinson 1. Holly Dickinson 2. Lee Weiler 2. B. J. Marnie 3. Sharon Reid 3. Sharon Reid

### **♥ BRIDGE SCORES ◆**

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### **PAST EVENTS:**

- **--BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Sunday, Jan. 26 our January birthdays were celebrated.
- --LADIES LUNCHEON: A small group of Garden Grover's enjoyed lunch at Pineapples Joe's on January 8.
- --THEATER-GOERS: We were a small group attending January's production of Mystic Pizza. We skipped our usual ore-theater luncheon to attend the important board meeting. The play was a perfect diversion from the clubhouse business. The music and dancing were lively. The vocal talent on a single stage was simply amazing!
- --BAND NIGHT: Jan. 25 -Though the majority of people chose to stay nestled in their home those who did venture out were not disappointed. Johnny delivered a fun filled evening.
- --BRUNCH: A huge thank you to Denise & Steve Crapo along with their crew for 17 years of delivering a fantastic brunch.

### **UPCOMING NEWS:**

- --BINGO: Bingo dates for Feb. will be the 5<sup>th</sup> & 19th. 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.
- --SUPER BOWL: Regardless of the team you were rooting for; the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles will come together on Feb. 9 to play in the LIX Super Bowl. You are welcome to come to the clubhouse around 6:00 with a small dish to share. Bruce Carley will be grilling hotdogs and Linda will be selling betting squares for \$2.00 a square. All bets must be placed before kickoff and you do not have to be present to win.
- --LADIES LUNCHEON: We are looking forward to visiting CJ Cannon's on February 12. Please contact Shirley Johnson (772 538 6868) if you would be interested in joining us. A final reservation count will be taken February 11.
- --THEATER-GOERS: If you would like to join us for the classic Singing in the Rain, simply purchase a ticket on line or at the theater for the Thursday March 6 matinee. Then let Shirley Johnson know so you can be part of the pretheater lunch or carpool.
- (772 538 6868) You may purchase tickets any place in the theater, but Shirley's seat is K103
- --SOCIAL CLUB MEETING: Our next meeting will be Feb. 11 @ 9:30 am. 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!
- --BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE: Meet at the clubhouse Feb. 16 from 1:30-2:30 to celebrate with your neighbors our Garden Grove's Feb. birthdays. (Slight date alteration.)





--FLAPPER PARTY: Friday, Feb. 21 we are going to have a Flapper Party. Cost is \$16 PP, Reservations Feb. 5 10:00-12:00

Cocktails: 6:00-6:30 & Music: Johnny Nick 6:30-9:30.

Although the flyer says Open Seating if you have a group you would like to sit with you can let us know at sign up. Also at sign up we will be giving you a choice of what food we would like made.

There will be a Charleston Dance Off, a photo booth, gambling (50/50) and drinks.

- --We plan to have a time when we will be making 1920 accessories so watch for that or message Sharon Bonfiglio.
- --COLLECTING:\*\*\*To help us, we are collecting empty liquor bottles, feathers, elastic, black ribbon, old costume brooches or large pins (you no longer want)

  Male or female hats that reflect the 1920"s. We do NOT

Anything you may have may be dropped off on Linda Ferkinhoff's porch. Please identify who is dropping it off and if you want it back.

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- --LEARN to DANCE: Also in preparation of The Flapper we will be having Mary come in on Wed. Feb. 12 & 19 from 1:00-2:00 to teach us the Charleston as well as other 1920 dances. Even if you are not planning to attend the Flapper Party but want to learn some dance moves you are welcome. \$5.00 per session / no sign up is necessary but if you could text Linda that would be appreciated.
- --Meet-Mingle: Without a doubt a short month packed to the brim. Sunday, Feb. 23 we will come together from 3:00-5:00 to officially welcome residents of Garden Grove who have moved into the community within the last year. We ask veteran residents to bring a finger food and those who receive a special invite to just come and be honored.
- --TRIVIA: February 28 will be here sooner than you think! Please plan to join us for trivia. We will enjoy finger food and conversation prior to the competition. The 50-50 drawing will take place prior to the start of Trivia. As always bragging rights and the Garden Grove Trivia Trophy are on the line.

Let Shirley Johnson know (772 538 6868) by noon February 27 if you are planning to attend. You may sign up as a team or just join a team upon arrival.

A flyer will come out closer to the 28<sup>th</sup>. If we are unable to field at least three teams by 2/27, we will postpone and reschedule.

### MARCH:

- -Scavenger Hunt & Corn Hole Tourn. with a BBQ (March 8)
- -Daylight Saving (March 9)
- -St. Patrick's Day Party (March 15)

Why does bread have a hard time waking up in the morning? It takes a lot to rise!





# **Every Day Activities**

Water Aerobics - 8:00 & 9:15 AM

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 - 12:00 PM
Bridge – 1:00 PM

# Wednesday

Aerobic & Chair Exercise - 9:00 AM Tennis - 8:30 AM (mixed) Poker lady's - 1:00 PM Hand & Foot - 6:15 PM Crafts - 1:00 PM

### **Thursday**

YOGA - 10:00 AM CHAIR YOGA - 11:00 am Bowling - 2:00 pm

Aerobic & Chair Exercise - 9:00 AM Mah Jongg - 10:00 AM Tennis – 8:30 AM (mixed) Hand & Foot - 6:15 PM Ladies Golf - 2:00 PM

Open Tennis - 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM CHAIR YOGA - 11:00 AM YOGA - 10:00 AM Saturday Golf - 7:00 AM

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Learn to Dance "Flapper" Feb 12 & 19	5 11:00 Grounds Committee 6:30 BINGO	12 11:00 Book Club Ladies Lunch 1:00 Dance	19 1:00 Dance 6:30 BINGO	26
Tues-Thurs & Sat 10:00 Floor Yoga 11:00 Chair	4	11 9:30 SOCIAL CLUB MTG	18	25
Mon – Wed & Fri Aerobic Exercise 9 - 10	3 10:00 RULES Committee	10	17 President's Day	24 2:00 TENNIS Committee
	2 Groundhog Day	9 6:00 SUPER BOWL	16 Birthday Open- House 1:30-2:30	23 Meet & Mingle 3:00-5:00