

Garden Clippings



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Board of Directors' Corner

An Alert from Indian River County – Burn Ban. Indian River County is under a burn ban until further notice. All outdoor fires and burning are prohibited unless permitted by the Florida Forestry Service. Cooking food exclusively with a gas or charcoal grill is authorized.

The Burn Ban will be lifted when dry / drought conditions improve. We have had some rain so hopefully that will help.

DROUGHT CONCERNS

Drought and winds can cause a wildfire risk.

What is our risk? We are currently in a severe drought condition. High winds (we do get them) cause embers to fly miles ahead, igniting flammable material. We have bush and forest areas around, as well as our community which we treasure and some homes are relatively close together.

Simple precautions are easy.

- Keep your gutters clear of dry leaves and pine needles. Embers here ignite asphalt roofs.
- Clear Vegetation: Maintain a buffer around your home by removing flammable vegetation and debris

References: Current drought conditions
<https://www.drought.gov/states/florida>

WINTER DAMAGE

The instructions we have received from Tru-Green and Down-To-Earth Landscaping are to let the plants defoliate as they are in shock, once they drop their leaves and we are sure there will be no more cold snaps we can begin to cut back the damage. The short timeframe of the frost should not have affected the roots. They have also recommended that you should not be fertilizing your plants for another 3 weeks.

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

The Architectural Advisory Committee has completed their annual inspections for 2026. There were a total of 130 homes with no noted tasks and we thank you for keeping your property in great condition. The task lists will be mailed out to the remainder later this week.



TRASH

Per the governing documents, please remember when putting out your trash on Sunday night to wait until sunset.

ENTRY SYSTEM

Many are still having problems with the new gate system and unfortunately, a lot of it is user error.

For those that use your clicker all the time there is no problem, but you need to learn how to use a code number or call from the directory so that you can properly instruct your vendors and your guests. It is a good idea to practice using the system so you understand how it works.

There are two options when you enter and this is the problem vendors & guests are having:

1. Resident Search.
2. Entry Code.

#1. "Resident Search" means you are calling a resident from the directory: This is a directory of residents; each resident has a corresponding code (this is different than the 4-digit code number you were assigned for direct access). When the vendor enters the code next to your name, your house phone or cell phone will ring. Once you identify that it is someone at the gate you "press 9" on your phone, hold it for a few seconds, and the gate will swing open .. you will hear a beeping sound.

We apologize that some of the new resident's names are not yet in the directory.

#2. Using a code number: This is when you use the four digits that were assigned to you or the contractor number. Once you press the 4-digits then you have to hit the ENTER button for the gate to open.



THE Social Clubs

PAST EVENTS:

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** Cooper's was the setting for our February Ladies Lunch. Our group of 14 had a lovely, leisurely lunch with lively conversation and fabulous fare.

--**SUPER BOWL:** A big thank you to Joanie & Bruce Carley for making sure we all enjoyed our super bowl hot dog again this year, and thank you to all those who brought delicious sides. Congratulations to our betting board winners (and the Seahawks!!)

--**SOCIAL CLUB MEETING:** I was glad to see so many people attend the February Social Club Meeting; your input is always valuable.

--**MEET MINGLE:** The Meet & Mingle held on Sunday Feb. 22 was a resounding success. Over 60 current residents attended and the food was delicious and abundant. We were especially pleased to meet 12

new Garden Grove residents.

--**TRIVIA:** Feb. 27 was our latest trivia challenge. Our group enjoyed mingling with the competition and sharing a finger food buffet prior to the challenge. We had a very nice evening of Trivia; 22 people = 4 completing teams. Fig & Family was the winning team. The team consisted of Mike & Sharon Bonfiglio and family guests Joe & Lucy. They outplaced the closest team by one point. Congrats!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

--**BINGO:** March Bingo will be off schedule. Instead of March 4, Bingo will be March 11 and March 25. April 1 will be the first April bingo which will be 2 bingos in a row. There are 10 games at \$1.00 per game. The first game starts at 6:30.

--**SOCIAL CLUB MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 am March 10, 2026. I hope to see you there.

All residents including renters are automatically a member of the social club. We have a lot of important items to discuss so please attend.

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** Our next Ladies Lunch will be March 11 at CJ Cannon's. Please let Shirley know if you are planning to attend ASAP as she is scheduled for surgery on March 2. She would like to get the preliminary reservations in on Saturday of this week. She will then call in a more accurate number on March 10.

Shirley Johnson 772 538 6868.

--**THEATER GOERS:** Jesus Christ Superstar is the current Riverside Theater production. I am unable to attend this month; however, Joan Carley will be in my seat for the Thursday 2 o'clock matinee on March 12.

If you are interested in attending the play or getting a group together for a pre-play lunch, please contact Shirley Johnson at 772 538 6868.

There is just one more main stage show after Jesus Christ Superstar for the 2026 season. When I know next season's play list I will make sure to include them in the Clippings. It is always a better deal price wise if you are able to purchase a subscription of four plays.

--**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY:** Sat. March 14
5:30 BYOB Dinner catered by 14 Bones
Music by: Kent Taylor Brown (6:30-9:30)
Tickets: \$30 PP

If you missed the reservation date of Feb. 25 the cut off date is March 6 so feel free to call Patti Frost 845 797 2954

There will be a 50/25/25 drawing and a basket raffle.

--**PROGRESSIVE DINNER: March 22, 4:00**

Another new event-- We only have a handful of people who have shown an interest but we still are planning to go ahead with it. It is not too late to call Marilyn Armstrong or Linda Ferkinhoff if you are interested or have questions

There will be no cost but we will have a sign up date the beginning of March to help us with the planning. We will keep you posted.

-- **STILL COLLECTING:** Birthday Angels is a non profit organization that provides a wrapped birthday present of socks & throw blankets to every homeless child up to the age of 18 regardless where they are living; shelters, cars, motels, tents or moving from couch to couch. I have decided to extend our collecting to the end of March. There is a plastic tub in the entrance of the clubhouse. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Linda at 907 362 2389

APRIL:

5th Easter

TBD Scavenger & Corn Hole BBQ

24th Pool Party



HUMOR:

--What's Irish and sits on the porch?

--Paddy O'Furniture



- 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

March

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