

# Garden Clippings

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## Board of Directors' Corner

The Board of Directors would like to thank those that attended the Annual Membership Meeting. A total of 102 owners were represented by attendance and proxy.

### Garden Grove Board of Directors Slate of Officers for 2026

Marcia Collins	President
Rita Bilheimer	Vice President
Nancy Hallander	Secretary
Rose Truglio	Treasurer
Ken Woitaszek	Director-at-Large

We thank the Board for their accomplishments in 2025. This is a diligent group and we can just keep this ball rolling on into 2026.

We would also like to thank all of the Garden Grove committee members. Thank you for the time you spend for the benefit of Garden Grove.

Thank you for your hard work.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

If you still need to exchange any of your Waste Management carts, there is still have time.

The alternative cart sizes are:

35 gal - 65 gal - 95 gal

•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

## WINTER & IRRIGATION

Please be prepared that your irrigation will not be on a regular schedule during winter months. The purpose of the irrigation is for the turfgrass health. With the cooler temperatures the turfgrass goes into its dormant stage and does not dry out like it does during summer months. In areas that retain moisture a fungus will develop causing mold and the turf will turn yellow to brown and continued watering will only make the fungus spread.

In our contract with TruGreen a fungicide is applied annually to treat the fungus as well as nurture the roots.

During the winter months, any shrubs or flowers in your yard that require additional moisture will require hand watering. Please do not water the turfgrass.



## GUESTS USING AMENITIES

With holidays and winter break upon us, we have many guests visiting and using the amenities. You, the owners & residents, are responsible for your guests. Please refer to new Community Rules booklet and make sure your guests are familiar with the rules relative to their use of the amenities:

--Everyone needs to shower before entering the pool or spa. If you are coming from the beach, please rinse the sand off before entering the pool -and- if using tanning lotion please rinse off before entering the pool. The pool shower now has hot water for your comfort.

--No grilling on the pool deck! NO BBQ grills can be used on any Garden Grove common area\*\*.  
The only time grilling is permitted on common area is during an approved Social Club event.

--Keep vehicles off the lawn at all times.

--Parking on the street is not permitted at night. If you have an overflow of vehicles, you can obtain a permit for short-term clubhouse parking.

--Carts & bicycles should follow traffic and obey all traffic signs.

--Walkers should walk against traffic, wear brightly color clothing and carry a flash light at dark, dawn & dusk.

--When walking a dog, keep your dog close to you.

--Do not let your dog run around on the tennis courts.

--Of course, common courtesy goes without saying!

## 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 trucks 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.





## SUNSHINE CLUB

"Sympathy" cards sent to:  
- Family of Olive Detering

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

## MEDICAL & BABY EQUIPMENT

The bulletin board in the Clubhouse has a list of residents who are willing to lend medical and/or baby equipment to their neighbors. If you have equipment that you would like to add to our list, or if you are on the list and want to change your listing, please call Judy Kemp 772 205-4225.

## GG HURRICANE COORDINATORS

The work that our Garden Grove hurricane coordinators did in 2025 may have slipped your notice because surprisingly, there were no hurricanes in Florida. There were plenty of hurricanes in 2025 (some of them major) but various unique weather patterns kept all of them from Florida. Lucky us!

The work of your community neighbors deserves your thanks:

Kathy Dalbey, Jackie Davis, Jeanie Dillon, Kim Hawn, Gordon Kemp, Kelly & Jeff Patterson, Pat Reinhard, JoAnn Staszewski, Leo Suplee, Rosa & Jerry Tierman, Collette Wilkinson.

These volunteers canvassed the community to provide pertinent information on hurricane planning and preparations and to keep a dynamically, current search-list. Some of them covered large sections of Garden Grove. Ideally each of us would only have to keep track of a few residents close to our own homes to minimize our individual efforts. If you are interested in volunteering to cover a small area close to your own home, perhaps as a means to get to know your neighbors better, please contact Gordon at 724 695-7892. We will provide you with all the information you need.

Coordinators are not trained for, nor expected to search for casualties after a disaster. Indian River County CERT is a separate volunteer organization that provides valuable training for persons interested in these more in-depth, survival and civic skills. Contact Gordon if you are interested in these valuable life skills.

## GG AEROBICS 2026

Aerobic exercise starts Jan 5th at 9 am. It is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to about 9:45am. I offer both seated aerobics and standing aerobics. Either way, you can get your heart and lungs working, which will help you to stay stronger and healthier longer. Hope to see you at exercise class, whenever you are free to join.

*Kathy Nichols*



## Garden Grove Bowling League



Garden Grove Bowling League continues strong and bowlers are sure enjoying it and having fun.

All the best to all of you in 2026!

Season High Scores are as follows:

### MEN

Scratch game	Mike Bonfiglio	256
Scratch series	Chuck Armstrong	558
Handicap game	Bill Mahoney	285
Handicap series	Chuck Armstrong	720

### WOMEN

Scratch game	Sharon Bonfiglio & Nora Lichty	177
Scratch series	Mary Scorpati	482
Handicap game	Nancy Radack	243
Handicap series	Nancy Radack	692



### ♥ BRIDGE SCORES ♦

Tues, Dec 2

1. B. J. Marnie
2. Guest
3. Gordon Kemp

### ♠ BRIDGE SCORES ♣

Tues, Dec 9

1. Sharon Reid
2. Guest
3. Rayma Kreider



## GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

The GG Book Club will be meeting next on Wed, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing is "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles. This historical fiction is about Captain Kidd, a widower and Civil War veteran, who travels through post-Civil War Texas in 1870 to deliver a young girl to her relatives.

February's book choice is "Wish You Well" by David Baldacci. This coming-of-age story is about Louisa and her brother, Oz who after a tragic car accident that kills their father and incapacitates their mother in 1940, are sent to live with their great-grandmother on a remote Virginia mountain farm.

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

Off to Ft Pierce area, to have lunch at the SACRED GROUNDS CORNER CAFÉ, located at 2001 N.US 1 34950. This place is a HIDDEN GEM. There's nothing about the outside that screams come in to eat, BUT EAT you should! What a fabulous large menu they have. The SHRIMP TACO filled with large grilled shrimp with homemade fillings & a mango & pineapple salsa on the side. The 6 FRIED SHRIMP appetizer with Bang-Bang sauce was enough for a luncheon, shrimp were jumbo & cooked perfectly. The CHICKEN PARM HERO was huge & tasty. A side order of the tortilla chips was HONESTLY heaven. My hamburger & fries were very good. Next time I'm trying the Shrimp Po Boy. The meals are huge. We will be back. *Deborah Katsaros, Book Club*



# THE Social Club

## PAST EVENTS:

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** Ocean Grill was the site for the December 19 Ladies luncheon. 22 Garden Grover's enjoyed a festive lunch and relaxing conversation. It was nice to take a break from hectic holiday preparations to enjoy one another's company.

--**BAKE SALE / MARKET PLACE:** Wow! All you have to do is ask; last year the bake sale items were a bit sparse but this year everyone came together and we had crafts, auction items, Chinese auction items and yummy baked goods and a lot of them. A huge thanks you to all the volunteers.

--**DINNER DANCE SET UP:** You have heard me say it before but our GG events are truly a team effort. There was such great help Thursday morning that we had the clubhouse transformed in less than 2 hours! Thank you everyone. A huge Thank you to Kathy Dalbey, Charlotte and Phil Zackman for staying after the annual meeting to put the chair covers on.

--**CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE:** WOW! But don't take my word; ask anyone who attended our annual Christmas Dinner Dance. They will tell you the music by Shepard-N-Green was out of this world and the food by Wild Thyme was delicious. And everyone looked so festive, as this is our one event a year we dress up.

If you were not able to attend this year, I am happy to tell you to mark your calendars for Friday, Dec. 11, 2026 Shepard-N-Green & Wild Thyme once again.

--**GOLF CART PARADE:** Each year we get a little bigger. This year we had 15 golf carts / car participants! Every one of them decorated to the max and a little different. We also had more participants sitting in their driveway and coming to the clubhouse for cookies and punch. Garden Grove is the best!

--**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Our last birthday celebration took place Sunday, Dec. 28 with 18 people in attendance. Thank you once again Kathy Vogel & Emily Harris for making sure everyone received some cake & ice cream to celebrate their day!

--**NEW YEAR'S EVE:** HAPPY NEW YEAR GARDEN GROVE!

Remember there was no deadline on the sign up so if you are home doing nothing on New Year's Eve come rock out with your neighbors and enjoy the music by Jerry Chambers. 8:30-Midnight

## UPCOMING NEWS

--**BINGO:** Bingo dates for Jan. will be the 7th & 21. There are 10 games at \$1.00 per game. The first game starts at 6:30.

--**SOCIAL CLUB MEETING:** Jan. 13 is our next social club meeting. All residents including renters are automatically a member of the social club.

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** Although we have not decided on a location yet, our next Ladies Lunch will be on Wednesday, January 14. If you have suggestions for a location or simply want to reserve your spot, please text or call Shirley Johnson at 772 538 6868.

If you have never joined in on one of our gatherings and would like more information, feel free to call Shirley for details

--**DECORATION TAKE DOWN:** Saturday Jan. 10 @ 10:00 we will take down the clubhouse decorations. Though this goes a little faster than putting them up any time you can spare is appreciated.

--**FUNDRAISER BBQ:** Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 5:00. A deal you can't pass up!! For \$5.00 we will grill you a hamburger or hot dog accompanied with a cookie, chips, and a beverage. You can have your meal at the clubhouse or call 845 395 8890 for your meal (s) to be delivered.

The funds will be used for a valuable experience hosted by Patrick Space Force base to educate the student cadets on the various military occupational specialties available to them.

--**50's ROCK N ROLL CROCKPOT PARTY:** Another new event! Friday, Jan. 16, 2026 - 5:00 Social Hour, Dinner 5:30

Sign Up: Jan. 7 10-12. If you are unable to attend the sign-up, text or call Pam Gagnon 817 233 8930 or Kathy Vogel 781 738 3137

ADMISSION: just a crockpot or side dish - Be Creative!

\*\*Feel free to go in the back of your closet and get your poodle skirt or other 50's attire\*\*. There will be a 50/50.

--**THEATER GOERS:** The next event at Riverside Theater will be Thursday, January 22 at 2 PM—A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder. Please let Shirley Johnson (772 538 6868) know if you would like to attend and join in with the pre-theater lunch.

If you purchase a ticket for all three remaining shows, you will still have a 10% discount on pricing. If you are just buying a single ticket, it will be full price. Shirley's seat is K116-but you may purchase your seat any place in the theater.

--**DO YOU WANT TO BE ON THE LIST:** We know the importance of staying connected and knowing what is going on. A member of our social club delivers the clippings to anyone who may not be able to access it through their email or get a copy from the clubhouse. Contact Linda 907 362 2389 if you would like to be on the delivery list.



## HUMOR:

**TO MY CHILDREN:** Never make fun of having to help me with computer stuff. I taught you how to use a spoon!



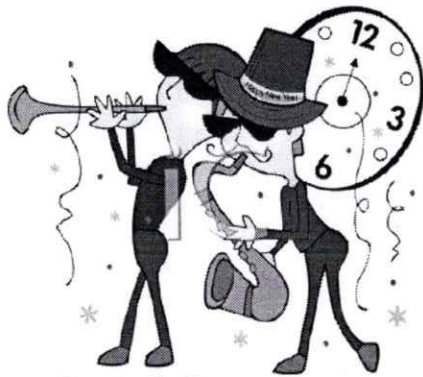
## FEB.

**SUPERBOWL:** Feb. 8

**MARDI GRAS:** Feb. 17

**MIX MINGLE:** Feb. 22





### 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

# January

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	9:00 Mon-Wed & Fri Aerobic & Chair Exercise	Tues- Thurs & Sat 10:00 Floor Yoga 11:00 Chair Yoga		1 Happy New Year	2	3 FULL MOON
4	5	6 Epiphany	7 Sign-up 10-12 50's ROCK 11:00 Ground Committee 6:30 BINGO	8	9	10 10:00 Take down decorations
11	12	13 9:30 Social Club Meeting	14 Ladies Lunch 5:00 JROTC BBQ	15	16 5:00 50's Rockn'Roll Crockpot Party	17
18	19 MLK Jr. Day	20	21 11:00 Book Club 6:30 BINGO	22 10:30 Board Meeting	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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