

# Garden Clippings



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## Board of Directors' Corner

At the Board of Directors' Meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025 the following motions were passed:

1. **South Eden Lake Erosion** – Motion made to repair the south end of Eden Lake which includes the repair of 2 culverts and the shoreline in between, this also includes the installation of a drainage box at the S/E swale to direct the drainage from the swale directly into the retention pond and eliminate the erosion to the top of the culvert. From Armadillo Dirt Works in the amount of \$47,500.00
2. **South Perimeter Fence Line** – Motion made to clear all vegetation and debris along the fence line, regrade for proper drainage and sod, From Armadillo Dirt Works in the amount of \$34,450.00

Other projects that are still being researched, awaiting estimates, or awaiting completion are:

1. Clubhouse doors
2. South perimeter
3. Retention pond erosion – South Eden Lake
4. Common area trees – area 2 invasives
5. Clubhouse decking repair (awaiting engineering report)
6. Swimming Pool deck resurfacing
7. Security cameras and entrance system

Projects that have been completed:

1. Pool Deck leveling
2. Clubhouse dance floor
3. Tennis court reconditioning
4. Retention pond erosion culvert at N/W Eden Lake

**NOTE:** Please refer to the minutes on the bulletin board for the financial report.

### **Presentation:**

Prior to the board meeting there was a presentation by our current management company, First Service Residential. The board is looking at 3 management companies to obtain scope of services and estimates. There will be 2 more presentations in the fall.

**Attention: Swimming pool area will be closed for resurfacing starting on Thursday, June 5 -until- Monday, June 23. These dates are subject to change due to inclement weather or project needs.**

## SPECIAL PROJECTS STATUS

### **Assessment Fund Expenditures**

<u>Motioned</u>	<u>Sched</u>	<u>Total Due</u>	
16-Jan	X	4,600.00	First Florida Engineering
27-Feb	X	6,200.00	Shenandoah--Storm Drain Cleaning
27-Feb	X	19,908.00	Armadillo--N Eden Lake
27-Feb	X	5,570.00	PGI--Pool deck leveling
27-Mar	X	18,700.00	CARE Facility Mgmt-- Club deck area (not to exceed 25,000)
24-Apr		53,000.00	Sundek--Pool resurface
24-Apr		14,685.00	Juniper--Club tree work
24-Apr		1,320.00	Juniper--Nature Trail clean up and removals
24-Apr		1,980.00	Juniper--Ponds clean Up and removals
24-Apr		385.00	Juniper--Invasive NGG
22-May		47,500.00	Armadillo--South Eden Lake culvert erosion
22-May		34,450.00	Armadillo--Fence line south side clear, regrade, sod
TOTAL		<u>208,478.00</u>	

**REMINDER TREES** – Last chance to get your name on the list for any tree trimming needs for your personal property trees.

**LANDSCAPING TRIMMING** – Juniper Landscaping uses a "reflector" procedure that they would like to implement at Garden Grove. The reflectors can be purchased anywhere, come in a variety of colors and are affixed to a long white plastic pole.

- **RED** indicates that you do not want any trimming done in your yard. None!
- **BLUE** indicates that you do not want any trimming done to a specific plant or hedge.

We hesitate using this procedure because we do not want to see a yard full of reflectors, but if you have a certain plant or two the blue reflector will solve that problem. The trim crew is only here one week of the month so please only display your reflectors at that time. Thank you.

There is no June Board Meeting scheduled at this time.

SUNSHINE CLUB

*"Sympathy" cards sent to:*

**- Susan Wingender – Loss of Janie Bifano**

***“Get Well” cards sent to:***

**- Allen Hauptman**

**- Diana Midolo**

**- Barbara Sydow**

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

*Thank you to my Garden Grove friends and neighbors who gave their condolences regarding the passing of my beautiful and wonderful wife, Janice Morris. Jan was a resident of Garden Grove since 2003 and enjoyed living in this wonderful community. Sincerely, Mike Morris*

*Thank you Garden Grove,*

*I want to Express my appreciation to all those that helped us during John's many months of rehab and medical treatments. All the wonderful cards, the visits and the many rides that was provided for me to get there to see him, and the support after he passed on. We couldn't have done it without you all.*

*Moving to Garden Grove was one of the best decisions John and I ever made in our 66 years of marriage.*

*Thank you and God bless Garden Grove.*

*Gratefully, Audrey Ross*

***Garden Grove Community,***

*Thank you for asking about Mom, Janie Bifano, and sending warm wishes, we are blessed to have kind and compassionate neighbors. We will always be grateful for David Schoenen, Mom's love and companion of 14 years.*

*Warmly, Susan & Matthew Wingender*

<https://lowtherfamily.com/obituaries/janie-w-bifano/>

## TENNIS – TRY IT !!

Did you know it has been scientifically proven that racquet sports support longevity and brain health?! Co-ed recreational tennis on M, W, F, and S - 8:30-10:30 (weather depending). Come 1 day or all 4! Play with all ages - 60's, 70's, 80's and yes 90's!! Please join us for some great exercise, fun and camaraderie! Just show up with your racquet. Hope to see you soon!

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## ♥ BRIDGE SCORES ♦

**Tues, May 6**

1. B. J. Marnie
2. Marcia Collins
3. Rayma Kreider

**Tues, May 20**

1. Marcia Collins
2. Ann Sterling
3. B. J. Marnie

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## **♠ BRIDGE SCORES ♣**

**Tues, May 13**

1. Rayma Kreider
2. Ann Sterling
3. Gordon Kemp

**Tues, May 27**

1. B. J. Marnie
2. Ann Sterling
3. Rayma Kreider

## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

## Prepared for Hurricane Season?

June is the start of hurricane season, and by now you know how to prepare your house and have made your personal preparations:

1. For staying, if we lose power and communications for several days. i.e. Have stocked-up on water, food, medicines, etc.
2. For evacuating at the hurricane Category level you have predetermined for yourselves. i.e. You know where to go and your go-bag is 90% prepacked.

Most residents have told their hurricane information persons at what level they intend to evacuate and our search list is being compiled based on that. If you change your mind, please let us know in advance so you don't place searchers in unnecessary danger.

Your hurricane information persons are here to provide you with information and tips on how to prepare. But most of us will evacuate before major storms.

Don't wait until it's too late to prepare!

*Gordon*

If you would like to join the Hurricane Coordination Team, contact Gordon Kemp at 724-695-7892

## GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

The GG Book Club will be meeting next on Wed. June 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing is "The Devil in the White City" by Erik Larson. This book tells the story of two men whose fates parallel one another surrounding the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

July's book choice is "The Radium Girls" by Kate Moore. This non-fiction book tells the true story of young women who worked in radium dial factories in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. These women, known as "shining girls" were exposed to radium paint, which caused them to develop serious illnesses and eventually die.

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.

OLE' a MEXICAN lunch for the GGBC. CLASE AZUL 2199 7th AVE 32960. WOW! A true Mexican Feast. VERY clean, nicely decorated. Top notch staff, Service Excellent. It's the Fresh Flavors of the food that come out on top. Only 2 of us were there before, but we made converts of the others. Salsa & chips to the table a little spicy for some (order the salsa Verdi) Piping hot entrees. I had Chili Rellenos, it was a good as any I've ever had living in Texas. A fried Coconut Shrimp appetizer was enough for a lunch. Pork & Chicken Dishes were tender, and the Watermelon Margarita was so good.

Give this place a try, bring a Group they need more customers.

Deborah Katsaros





## **PAST EVENTS:**

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** April 14 the Garden Grove ladies returned to Mai Thai Bistro. We had a wonderful experience! Our food was delicious and the restaurant and servers were so accommodating.

**MEMORIAL DAY BBQ:** Sunday, May 25 we had our Memorial Day BBQ. We celebrated on Sunday instead of Monday allowing time to spend with family. However, to those of you who I confused with my flyer title; I apologize. I have already made a note and will fix that mistake next year.

We had an awesome turnout 83 people signed up and 76 showed up. Our new grill served us once again. The success was due to Max & Sheila Dilley, Jerry Tierman, Collette Wilkinson, those who helped with set up and myself. Thank you everyone.

## **UPCOMING NEWS**

--**BINGO:** Bingo dates for June will be the 4th & 18. We are back on schedule. There are 10 games at \$1.00 per game. The first game starts at 6:30.

--**SOCIAL CLUB MEETING:** Our next meeting will be June 10 @ 9:30 am. We will not have a July or August meeting.

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! If you are up north and have an idea or concern feel free to text me.

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** Wed, June 11. This month, we will be trying Clase Azul -a new Mexican venue. Every time I have mentioned the name of this restaurant; I have received the same reaction. . . "Great food; you will love it!"

I look forward to trying this new establishment and to being with our group once again. We always have such a good time and would love to have anyone join us that might be interested. Just give Shirley a call at 772 538 6868 no later than Tues, June 10 @ 4:00 to secure your spot.

--**THEATER GOERS:** Just a reminder that anyone interested in attending the Thursday matinee at Riverside Theatre, on the second week of each performance, should contact Shirley Johnson to be included in a car pool and pre-theater luncheon.

You may purchase single play tickets; however, tickets for either all four or three of the four plays will reflect a discount in price. Feel free to contact

Shirley Johnson at 772 538 6868 for more information.



--**BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE:** The June Birthday celebration will be June 29 @ 1:30-2:30.

--**TRIVIA:** Plans are in place to hold a Trivia Night July 25. Full details will be in the July clippings. We will plan to follow the same format we have used in the past . . . fingerfood buffet and six rounds of trivia.

Many of our regulars have gone north, but we must keep our trivia skills sharp until they return in the fall. You may participate as a single, a couple, or a whole team—just let Shirley know 772 538 6868. As always, if we are unable to field three teams before Thursday we will postpone the event Friday morning.

--**ICE:** Just a reminder that the ice in the clubhouse freezer is for social club events only. If for some reason you are in a bind and need to use a bag, please replace it. Thank you!

## **--COMING UP:**

**JULY 4: BBQ**

Bingo, Birthday Celebrations, & Ladies luncheon will continue through the summer.



**I don't mean to brag but I just finished a puzzle in 1 day and the box said 2-4 years.**



June 15<sup>th</sup>

