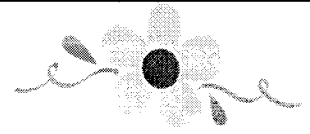


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Board of Directors' Corner

Dear Garden Grove Residents,

We are pleased to present a summary of the proposed updates to our community's covenants for your review and consideration. These changes, developed in collaboration with the Rules Committee, aim to streamline and clarify existing regulations while ensuring compliance with recent updates to Florida Statute Section 720.3075.

Summary of Proposed Changes:

- Exterior Decorations:** The current prohibition on various exterior decorations, such as bird feeders and wind chimes, is set to be revised. Under the proposed rules, limited decor including a small statue (up to 2 feet tall), a single garden flag, and a small wind chime (under 18 inches) will be permitted in front garden areas as long as they are not reported as a nuisance to neighbors.
- Light Fixtures:** Amendments propose permitting exterior building-mounted light fixtures and restricting landscape lighting to garden areas only, expressly prohibiting light fixtures on lawns.
- Holiday Decorations:** Revised guidelines will extend the timeframe for exterior holiday decorations, allowing for setup two weeks prior to the holiday or clubhouse decoration, whichever is earlier, with a requirement for removal within two weeks after the holiday.
- Rear Porch Enclosures:** Changes include allowing rear porch enclosures within homeowner property lines and specifying requirements for licensed, insured contractors and structural foundations.
- Spas:** Spas will be permitted in rear porch/patio areas, altering the previous restriction under the roof line of the dwelling structure.
- Vehicle and Parking:** The list of prohibited vehicles and items has been updated to align with Florida statutes, specifying allowable vehicle types and storage locations outside garages.

- Commercial Vehicles:** Definitions for commercial vehicles are updated in accordance with Florida Statute 320.01(25), detailing criteria based on vehicle weight and axle count.

These proposed adjustments reflect our commitment to maintaining a harmonious community environment while accommodating modern living standards and legal requirements. Your feedback and participation are invaluable in shaping the future of Garden Grove. There will be a Town Hall Meeting this fall to gather your input.

YES, IT'S SUMMER

We feel the heat & your pets feel the heat as well. Here is some great information provided by: **Dogs For Life** regarding Hot Asphalt Awareness.

<u>Air Temp</u>	<u>Asphalt Temp</u>
86°	135°
87°	143°
90°	150°

- At 125° skin destruction can occur in 60 second.
- At 131° an egg can fry in 5 minutes.

They suggest – pressing the back of your hand firmly against the ground for 7 seconds before your walk. If it's hot for your hand, it's hot for your dog's paws. You can purchase dog shoes, if your dog will tolerate it?

Hydration is so important for you, but even more so for your pet since they pant rather than sweat. It also regulates body temperature, lubricates joints, improves cognitive function, and cushions the brain and spinal cord. When we don't get enough water, pets and people don't function well. We feel groggy, lightheaded, and uncoordinated.

Staying well hydrated may even slow down the aging process and prevent or delay chronic disease, and we all want that !





SUNSHINE CLUB

"Get Well" card sent to:

- Sue Peterson
- Louise Musalo
- Geraldine Washak

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

GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

The GG Book Club will be meeting next on Wednesday, August 21st at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing is "Lessons in Chemistry", by Bonnie Garmus. This book set in the 1960s follows a female Chemist whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show.

September's book choice is a classic, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. This 1925 novel is set in the Jazz Age on Long Island where narrator Nick Carraway interacts with mysterious millionaire Jay Gatsby and Gatsby's obsession to reunite with former lover, Daisy Buchanan.

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.



SUGGESTIONS FROM COMMUNITY RESIDENTS:

☼ When taking your walks throughout the community, or when you're out in your own yards, take the time to pick up debris that you might see along the way. Please do not throw any debris down the storm drains, the storm drains empty directly into the lakes & ponds.

☼ In the spirit with keeping the ambiance and curb appeal of our quaint community, it has been suggested that if we could keep our night time outdoor lighting consistent with using SOFT WHITE color bulbs (which is the same subtle color as the street lights & mailbox lights) it would keep our neighborhood looking congruent with the small town feel that we all fell in love with when we moved here.

HOME FIRE SAFETY
FROM YOUR SAFETY COMMITTEE

49% of home fires involve cooking. Of these, a major percentage are unattended; e.g. I forgot I turned something on. Hang a fire blanket near the kitchen entrance. Use it to shield yourself and cover the pot or pan completely. Turn off the heat. Call 911 even if you think you have extinguished the fire.

10% involve electrical systems; often due to overheated appliances. A major number of these are from lint in dryer filters and exhaust vent pipes, lint on refrigerator cooling coils, ceiling fan motors, etc. Clean the dryer filter after each load, vacuum or blow out the vent lines every 6 months or so with a leaf blower. Vacuum the refrigerator coils, every 6 months or so, as well as the top of the ceiling fan motors.

Newer homes have more plastics in them than older homes. These fires accelerate quickly and give off toxic fumes. For example, PVC pipes give off something akin to mustard gas when heated. That's the material used in modern engineered vinyl flooring.

Have the right type of fire extinguishers in the right places. Know how to use them. More men die in fires than women; sometimes they are trying to fight the fires when it is too late and/or they use extinguishers improperly. Do you know how to use a fire extinguisher? When to quit?

Test/change smoke detector batteries every 6 months. Newer homes have the smoke detectors wired in, but they still have batteries in them as backup. They need changing too. Smoke detectors only last 10 years. Replace them. There should be one in the kitchen and one in/outside of every bedroom (the latest code says both).

Have an escape plan. Keep bedroom doors closed when sleeping to seal out smoke/toxic fumes and carbon monoxide. Practice getting out a window. Can you open yours?

Christmas tree fires can flash over in 3 minutes.

Lithium-ion batteries are a new hazard. These are in many electric scooters, and electronics. They can get into a thermal runaway condition if plugged into the wrong type of charger or left in the hot sun. **Stay Safe!!**



♥ BRIDGE SCORES ♦

Tues, July 9

1. B.J. Marnie
2. Mary Ann Harris
3. Ann Sterling

♠ BRIDGE SCORES ♣

Tues, July 16

1. Rayma Kreider
2. Mary Ann Harris
3. Ann Sterling



THE Social Club

PAST EVENTS:

--**JULY 4:** WOW! 90 people attended the July 4th event. Rich Sack provided the music and a short 4th of July tribute following dinner. Thank you Rich.

Grill master's for the afternoon were Jerry Tierman & Dave Wilkinson with Bette Bender as their sidekick in charge of the bratwurst. Thank you to Jerry-Dave & Bette.

But, without host Kathy Vogel, and her crew Loretta Fill, Collette Wilkinson, Jean Dillon, Emily Harris, Rosa Tierman & Marcia Arnold this event would not have been the success it was. Thank you to Kathy and crew.

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** The ladies lunch group visited Sailfish Taproom & Kitchen on Wednesday, July 10. We enjoyed ourselves immensely, and actually sat around the table chatting after we finished our lunch. It is a very small place, but they were happy to accommodate our group. The food was delicious, and as always, we Grovers enjoyed each other's company

UPCOMING NEWS

--**BINGO:** Bingo will be back on schedule. Bingo dates for August are Wednesday, August 7 & Wednesday, August 21. There are 10 games at \$1.00 a game. The first game starts at 6:30. Garden Grove Bingo is for residents and house guest only.

--**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Monday, August 12 in the clubhouse from 1:00-3:00 all you can eat ice cream with the trimmings \$1.00 a bowl.

--**LADIE'S LUNCHEON:** The next Ladie's Luncheon is scheduled for August 14.

We will be going to Mai Thai Bisto. We have heard excellent reviews and are eagerly awaiting our visit. If you would like to be added to the list, please let Shirley Johnson (772 538 6868) know. Reservations will be made the week of August 5 with the final count given to the restaurant on Tuesday, August 13 around 5 pm.

I hope you will consider joining us!

--**TRIVIA:** Come join us for TRIVIA on Sunday, August 25 at 5:00 pm. This event is free; however, it is necessary for you to make a reservation by Thursday, August 22. As always, we will happily accept last minute additions, but if we are unable to field at least three teams by Thursday, we will make the decision to cancel on Friday, August 23.

Bring a favorite finger food to share & BYOB, beginning at 5:00 pm. Trivia will start at 6 PM following the 50/50 drawing.

Small prizes will be awarded to the winning team; however, the real prize is earning bragging rights and possession of the Garden Grove Trivia Trophy until our next trivia.

Teams will be no more than six players. You may sign up as a team or simply form a team when you get to the clubhouse.

This is a group effort so no pressure!! We look forward to seeing you there! Please call or text Shirley Johnson (772 538 6868) to sign up.

--**THEATER-GOERS:** If you have an interest in joining our Thursday matinee at Riverside Theater, please go online or to the theater and purchase your seats. Then call Shirley Johnson (772-538-6868) so you can be included in the pre-theater lunch and/or carpool.

As a reminder, those of us with season tickets are in K103 and K104. You may of course purchase your seat and place in the theater. There are discounts for purchasing three or four shows at the same time.

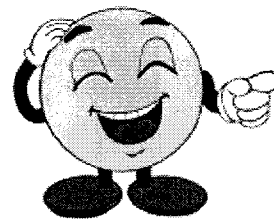
We would love to have more of you join us!

--**NO GARBAGE DISPOSAL:** The kitchen garbage disposal has been permanently removed so please make sure the screen is in the sink when cleaning food from dishes.

--**SURVEY:** I have enclosed a Social Club Survey. If you could please fill it out and return it to me that would help me in my planning. You can email it to lferkinhoff@yahoo.com, mail it to 375 Hawthorne Lane, place it on my porch, or in the box near the clubhouse office. Your name is optional. The more information the better! Thank -You.

SEPTEMBER:

Social Club Meeting: Sept. 10 @ 9:30 am.



"When I am old, (I mean tomorrow) I am going to leave snacks in little bags on the floor so when I fall down, I have something to eat!"

SOCIAL CLUB SURVEY

As I prepare the Garden Grove Social Club calendar of events for 2024-2025, I would like your feedback.

1. If you attend events – 3 reasons why.

2. If you do not attend events what are 3 reasons that keep you from attending.

3. What are your thoughts on the communication process of when events are occurring and the details around them?

4. What are your thoughts of the cost of our events?

5. Are there any new events or changes you would like to see?

6. Monthly Afternoon Speakers: topics that would interest you

7. Daily Trips: -where would you like to go? Ex. Everglades

8. ANY OTHER FEEDBACK IS APPRECIATED.



AUGUST

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 - 12:00 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

Friday

Tennis - 8:30 AM (mixed)
 Aerobic & Chair Exercise - 9:00 AM
 Mah Jongg - 9:30AM
 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
 Shuffleboard - 11:00 AM

AUGUST

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Mah Jongg players needed Mon 6:00 Fri 9:30	YOGA Tues-Thurs & Sat 10:00 Floor Yoga 11:00 Chair Yoga		1	2	3
4	5	6 6:30 BINGO	7	8	9	10
11	12 ICE CREAM SOCIAL 1:00-3:00	13	14 10:00 AAC ----- Ladies Lunch	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 11:00 Book Club 6:30 BINGO	22	23	24
25 5:00 TRIVIA	26	27	28	29	30	31

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