

Garden Clippings



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Board of Directors' Corner

Town Hall Attendance

We wish to express thanks to everyone who attended our Town Hall meeting on October 17th. It was an information packed night that allowed us to not only provide details on the state of our community but to also ask for your feedback in the form of a homeowner survey to help guide our decisions in the coming year.

Survey Results

We received 93 complete surveys by the deadline of Friday, October 25th. The top three identified needs in our community are to repair the stormwater retention ponds and culverts, repair the pool deck, and repair the rotting clubhouse deck. These were also identified as the highest priority items among all respondents. While all the items in that survey have been brought to our attention, we recognize that safety and costs must inform our decision-making process. Some of the questions and feedback written on the surveys will take some time to consider. Thank you to everyone who participated and provided their opinion. It helps us.

Rules Changes for Covenant Vote

One of the Covenant changes that you will be voting on is the one concerning exterior decorations. It refers to your most recent rules book for guidance. Your Rules Committee have worked diligently to update this document, last published in 2018. They have made recommendations that can only be made if the covenants are changed. Here is the proposed language for the new Rule Book to be published in 2025:

OUTDOOR DECORATIONS

A. Bird feeders, bird baths, lawn ornaments, windsocks and artificial plants/flowers shall be strictly prohibited everywhere. One small garden statue and front yard windchime are permitted. Selection of such to be governed by common courtesy, common sense, and respect for others.

B. The only flags which shall be permitted shall be those allowed by F. S. 720.304(2), F. S. 720.3075(3), and Garden Grove rules, as amended from time to time.

C. American flags may be flown according to Federal rules and must be brought in at night unless properly illuminated.



D. Holiday decorations and lighting shall be permitted on doors, shrubbery, trees, or buildings, during the holiday season and at a reasonable time prior to and after then. Decorations are allowed two weeks before the holiday or when the clubhouse is decorated and should be removed within two weeks after the holiday.

E. Lamp post electric outlets are for post decorations ONLY.

November Board Meeting

At the November Board Meeting on November 14th at 10:30 am, the 2025 budget will be presented. As stated at the Town Hall meeting, costs of insurance, utilities, and management have all increased. The Finance Committee worked diligently and made their recommendation to the board in a timely manner.

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will take place on December 11th at 7:00 pm. Notices for this meeting were delayed due to the impacts of Hurricane Milton and the tornadoes that left our post office with electrical outages. Your voting packet will be distributed in mid-November. We hope to see many of you there and in person.

Grant Funding

Do you have experience looking for, writing, and applying for grants? The Finance Committee needs you! Please send Rose Truglio an email with your contact information at rtruglio@gmail.com. We are looking to form a sub-committee that will meet throughout 2025. Thank you.

Hurricane Clean-Up

Due to the very wet climate that we experienced prior to the hurricane & the aftermath debris from the hurricane & tornadoes it is taking a while for the lawn crew to get everything back in order. There were several weeks that they were unable to mow the backyards and some weeks they couldn't mow at all. There were 4 trees that came down & the crew is working to remove those as well.

We are grateful that they came to help us out immediately after the storm and the clean-up continues.

Anytime you have lawn debris for pick-up on Mon or Wed it should either be in a trash container or on a tarp. An individual palm frond does not require a tarp, but a large pile does.

Thank you to the Grounds Committee crew for their Tues clean-up, it is a huge help.

We are so lucky to only be dealing with lawn debris.

Thank you for your patience.

THE Social Club

PAST EVENTS:

--**HALLOWEEN:** Saturday, Oct. 26 we had our annual Halloween Party. Babies, witches, cereal killers, scarecrows, even angels & devils all showed up. Everyone danced to the music provided by Marschal & Sally. A great evening to the start of season!

--**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Sunday, Oct. 27 we had our first Garden Grove Birthday celebration for all the October birthdays. Both birthday honorees and neighbors came for some cake and ice cream.

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** We were 15 strong at Ocean Grill amidst the fantastic Halloween décor. It was a great turnout, considering all of the postponing and day switching necessary to make this luncheon happen after tornadoes and hurricane Milton paid us a visit.

Ocean Grill never disappoints and the decorations were over the top this year. We're looking forward to going back in December to see their Christmas decorations!

--**THEATER GOERS:** On Thursday, October 31 a small group from Garden Grove attended the first performance of the 2024-2025 season at Riverside Theater "Fox on the Fairway". Lunch before the show was at the Lemon Tree.

UPCOMING NEWS

--**BINGO:** Bingo dates for Nov. are Wednesday, Nov. 6 & Wednesday Nov. 20. 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.

--**SOUP DAY:** --**SOUP with FRIENDS:** Please join us for Soup with Friends on Wednesday November 6 at the Clubhouse between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm. This event is a benefit for the Samaritan Center, a facility on 41st St right here in Vero Beach that houses homeless families. Families receive free board and thus can work to save enough for their own homes.

-There will be soup bowls for sale for \$20, made by Indian River Clay potters. Soup will be available to take out, cups (\$5) and quarts (\$15). Or you can enjoy a cup of homemade soup at the Clubhouse with your friends-\$5.00! Feel free to enjoy all of these options. **This is for Garden Grove residents only.**

**If you have volunteered to make soup, please bring your soup in a crockpot or pan as we will have our warmer plates out to keep the soup warm. Please have the soup to the clubhouse between 11:00 -11:10 No need to bring ladles.

Any questions please contact Kathy Flynn at 717 682 9441 or Linda Ferkinhoff 907 362 2389

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** We are in the process of planning our November luncheon and voting on the location. Our date is November 13. Anyone who would like to join our group, should contact Shirley Johnson by Tuesday November 12 at 4PM. (I will be calling in our final number at that time.) If you are unable to join us this month but would be interested in future luncheons, let Shirley know so she can add you to the monthly contact list. It is always an enjoyable mix --Garden Grover's out on the town!

--**THEATER --GOERS:** If you would be interested in attending any of the three remaining shows for this season, simply go online or to the theater to reserve your seats for the Thursday matinee for each show. Shirley's seat is K103 . . . you may of course purchase seats for any place in the theater.

Let Shirley Johnson (772 538 6868) know that you would like to join the group for lunch and if you would like to be part of a carpool.

The remaining shows are all musicals. It is always great fun!

Our upcoming schedule:

*Mystic Pizza --Thurs, January 16 2:00

*Singing in the Rain Thurs, March 6 2:00

*Beautiful (the Carole King musical) Thurs, April 24 2:00

--**DECORATION TAKE DOWN:** November 2 at 9:30 we will be taking down our scary Halloween decorations.

Taking down goes a lot faster than putting up so hopefully this time will be no different.

--**VETERAN'S DAY:** Sunday, Nov. 10 we will gather to honor all of our vets of Garden Grove. Please bring a heavy appetizer or dessert to share.

Cocktail 4:30 / Ceremony 5:00 / Refreshments 5:30

Reservations Nov. 6 between 9:30- 11:00 or text message Linda at 907 362 2389 that you plan to attend.

--**SOCIAL CLUB MEETING:** Nov. 12 @ 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! There is a lot of decisions to make.

We will be voting on new officers. Linda Ferkinhoff (chair) and Collette Wilkinson (treasurer) positions are up; both have agreed to run for another 2 year term.

--**WELCOME BACK NORTHERNERS:** Saturday, Nov. 16 we will officially welcome our northerners back and the start our 2025 season. We will have the awesome music of Shepard N Green; if you have not had the opportunity to hear them, they are worth your night out. Reservations will be taken on Wednesday Nov. 6 from 9:30 -11:30 **take note this is the same day as our Soup Day, and a half hour earlier than usual.** This will be BYOB like usual and we ask you bring heavy horsd'orves for **your** table. It will be \$13 PP. OPEN SEATING

- If you cannot make it to the clubhouse to secure your reservation feel free to contact Linda 907 362 2389 if you are planning to attend.

-There is no deadline on signing up, you may even pay at the door.

We hope to see some of our new GG residents.

--**BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE:** Meet at the clubhouse Nov. 24 from 1:30 -2:30 to celebrate with your neighbors our Garden Grove's Nov. birthdays.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

--Olive D, Rich S,

Shirley J, Kate P, Angie B, Jocelyn G, Joe G, Kathie A, Debbie B, Jim G, Dick G, John G, Diane G, Howard, H, Nelson C, Susie N, Mark O, Sheana F, Betsy C, Linda F.

--CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE:

Saturday, Dec. 14

RESERVATIONS: Wednesday, Nov. 13.

This year our dinner dance will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14. This is our fanciest event, we go all out. We ask for proper dress attire no shorts or ball caps. There will not be a 50/50.

Wild Thyme Catering will be providing our meal again this year. The last few years we have had a filet mignon carving station along with another entrée. You receive both entrees. In the next few days I will be firming up the menu so until then I cannot give an exact cost, however, I should know by the November meeting.

We decided last year that we would cap the attendance to 120; therefore, 4:00 PM Nov. 29 will be the deadline so I strongly encourage you to make your reservation on the 13th or contact me immediately. This deadline is strongly enforced so do not wait. We will open it to guests on Nov. 27.

Music this year will be Dave and the Wave.

--**RESERVATIONS:** Wednesday Nov. 13 from 10-12 is the sign up date for Christmas Dinner Dance & Thanksgiving. You will be able to write one check for both events. If you have any restrictions please let us know at sign up. Please bring in writing those you would like to sit with. Christmas Dinner Dance will be tables of 8

--**THANKSGIVING:** Thursday, Nov. 28

we will celebrate Thanksgiving. We try to provide a place for those who do not have plans for Thanksgiving to spend it with their GG family. At the time of this newsletter we do not have a chairperson for this event. We will discuss the possibilities at our November social Club meeting on the 12th. If interested in chairing let Linda know. If we do have a Thanksgiving event it will be a potluck with the social club providing the turkeys so we will be looking for a few people to cook turkeys. This year we will be going with smaller turkeys which are easier to handle. If you are willing to cook a turkey please let Linda know. The cost of this event (if we have it) is estimated at \$8.00 PP depending on the price of turkeys.

Watch your mailbox for further details.

--**TRIVIA:** We are in the planning stages for a night of Trivia and a finger food potluck.

We have a tentative date of Nov. 22, if we see a lot of or trivial players cannot make this date we may have to change dates so please keep Shirley Johnson in the loop. Nov. 19 would be our cut off date. Get those teams together, we have some new competitive blood out there!!! And, as with the last time, we will need reservations to ensure enough people for at least three teams to compete for the coveted Garden Grove Trivia Trophy!

Watch your mailbox for the flyer detailing this event!!

--**TRIM A TREE:** Nov. 29

It is time to turn the clubhouse into a winter wonderland. This too is big, since we will be decorating the clubhouse, trimming the tree, and the outside. We will begin at 10:00 so any little bit of time you can spare is appreciated. There are jobs for everyone; men, sit down jobs, those with a creative eye and just helpers. Hopefully, with a lot of elves we can get this done in a timely manner.

We will have coffee & refreshments.

--**HELP the LESS FORTUNATE:** We will be collecting laundry detergent as well as canned goods for those in need. There will be drop boxes in the clubhouse entrance between Nov. 28 – Dec. 18.

--**BAKE SALE & MARKET PLACE:**

We will have our annual Marketplace/ Bake Sale at the December annual meeting on Dec. 11. We will also be collecting Chinese auction items. Items can be dropped off at Linda Ferkinhoff's house 375 Hawthorne Lane any time before Dec. 10. If Linda is not home feel free to leave things on her porch.

Our baked goods have been low the last couple of years so let's work to get it back where it was, especially since we have so many new people. We ask you bake some of your favorite desserts and then during the day and before the

we will be selling them. I know we have some awesome bakers in here so don't be shy.

All we ask is that you wrap your baked goods in clear individual bags so people can see what it is they are buying. Also list ingredient that a person may be allergic to.

If you don't like to bake but you are an awesome crafter we will also be selling crafts. We do ask that you price these items because you know how much time and effort was put into your work. All of the money goes to the social club.

DECEMBER:

- Christmas Golf Cart Parade
- Christmas Decoration Tour
- Bake Sale / Market Place
- Christmas Dinner Dance
- Sign Up for New Year Party
- New Year's Eve Party

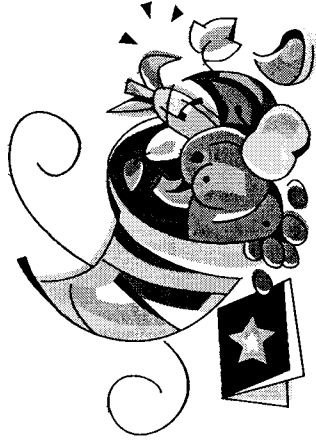


JOHN: What sound does a turkey's phone make?

Amber: What?

JOHN: "Wing! Wing!"





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
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
Shuffleboard – 11:00 AM

NOVEMBER

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	Mon – Wed & Fri Aerobic & Chair Exercise 9 - 10	Tues-Thurs & Sat 10:00 Floor Yoga 11:00 Chair Yoga			1 Remove decorations 9:30	2
3 Turn your clocks back	4 10:30 Safety Comm Mtg	5	6 Event sign-up 9:30-11 Soup Bowl 11:30-1:30 6:30 BINGO	7	8	9
10 4:30 Veterans Event	11 Veterans Day	12 9:30 AM SOCIAL CLUB MTG	13 Christmas sign-up 9-12 10:00 AAC Ladies Lunch	14 10:30 Board Mtg	15	16 Welcome back BYOB 6:00
17	18	19	20 11:00 Book Club 6:30 BINGO	21	22 TRIVIA	23
24 Birthday Open- House 1:30-2:30	25	26	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving	29 Trim-a-Tree 10:00 Xmas decorating	30

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