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Board of Directors' Corner

Welcome to September! The first of the "ber" months is here. While it may not feel much like fall here in Florida just yet, the calendar tells us it's on the way. Before long, our seasonal residents will begin making their way back to Garden Grove, familiar faces will reappear, and our community calendar will start getting a little busier.

As we look forward to welcoming our snowbirds home, September also brings some welcome improvements to our clubhouse and a few reminders about the small courtesies that help make Garden Grove such a pleasant place to live.

We are very happy to report that the clubhouse door and window replacement project has been completed. We are just awaiting the final inspection before removing the window stickers and giving our beautiful new windows their final cleaning. This long-awaited improvement is an important investment in maintaining and preserving our clubhouse for the years ahead.

In addition, the clubhouse rugs and upholstered chairs have been professionally cleaned. We hope everyone enjoys the refreshed surroundings and helps us keep them looking their best.

Special Assessment Update

We know residents are interested in how the Special Assessment funds have been used and what remains available. We are getting very close to using the last of the funds collected in 2025. The remaining balance of approximately \$19,000 will be used for final clubhouse construction cleanup and continued landscaping work to remove and cut back vegetation damaged by last winter's freeze.

Thank you, as always, to the many residents who contribute their time, ideas, and care to Garden Grove.

A Little Courtesy Goes a Long Way

Living in a close-knit community means that our everyday choices can affect our neighbors. A little consideration and common courtesy go a long way toward making Garden Grove enjoyable for everyone.

Shirts are expected to be worn while out and about in the community and when using our common areas, with the exception of the pool area.

Be mindful when parking cars, golf carts, bicycles, or other vehicles. Sidewalks and walkways must remain clear so that everyone, including walkers and residents with mobility challenges, can use them safely.

Do not park on lawns or grassy areas. In addition to protecting the appearance of our community, much of Garden Grove's irrigation system lies beneath these areas and can be damaged by the weight of vehicles.

These aren't difficult things to do, but collectively they make a real difference. Thank you for showing consideration for your neighbors and helping take care of the community we all share.

Submitting a Work Request

Kindly refrain from stopping the staff and verbally reporting a work request for your individual needs. Please complete a work request form or contact the office. The staff prioritizes the tasks at hand & works with a "work request" system in order to monitor their schedule & work load.

The landscape crew works in the same fashion. Garden Grove is a standard lawn care contract & any special service requires a work request form. The landscape supervisor stops at the office every Thursday, the work requests are reviewed & the crew is then given their instructions. Your landscape request may be accomplished on that day or will be completed during the next scheduled trimming for your street.



SUNSHINE CLUB

"Get Well" cards sent to:

- Carol Sugrue
- Bill Truglio
- Jim Sugrue
- Sharon Reid
- Bob Flowers



Garden Grove Bowling League

The Garden Grove Bowling League will begin its 2026-2027 season on Thursday, October 15th, 2026 and it will run through April 8th, 2027.

The league will be having a start-up meeting on Thursday, September 3rd, 2026 at 2:00 pm in the GG Clubhouse to review team selections, decide on team Captains, team names and review the rules.

For any additional information, please contact Jerry Tierman at 573-480-7459.

Garden Grove Hurricane Coordinators

Garden Grove has a dozen volunteer hurricane coordinators and they have attempted to contact every resident. Their roles are: to provide you with planning/ preparation information and to maintain a dynamic search list of who is here and who is not.

NOTE: We don't make any decisions for you, nor provide alerts.

You are responsible for your own safety.

Your local coordinators are: Arthene Beach, Ginny Carle, Jackie Davis, Leo Suplee, Kelly/Jeff Patterson, Jeanie Dillon, Rosa/Jerry Tierman, Kim Hawn, Garrett Hunt, Pat Reinhard, Kathy Dalbey, Collette Wilkinson, and Gordon Kemp.

Many Garden Grove residents are well prepared but if you still need information, or you haven't advised of your evacuation decision point, please contact your coordinator. Please note that in a storm situation, these coordinators may have evacuated at the threat level they have pre-decided for themselves. i.e. Let us know your plans early. If you have already taken action, thank you.

Florida Cancer Specialists

Is in need of volunteers. No experience necessary. For more information contact: Dennis Musalo 772-584-9387

BACK TO SCHOOL DONATIONS

It's Back to School Time! We are still collecting school supplies for Dodgertown Elementary School in Gifford. There is a collection box in the foyer of the Clubhouse for the next several weeks.

There appears to be a tremendous need this year and we appreciate your help. Thank you in advance for your support, always so gracious and generous!

Kathy Flynn

GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

The GG Book Club will meet next on Wednesday, September 16th at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing is "Theo of Golden", by Allen Levi. This novel is about a mysterious, elderly stranger named Theo who arrives in the fictional Southern city of Golden, where he buys pencil portraits of residents from a local coffeehouse and returns them to the subjects, asking only for their life stories in exchange.

October's book choice is "Buckeye", by Patrick Ryan. This book follows two families in the fictional town of Bonhomie, Ohio from the end of World War II through the late 20th century, exploring how a single, impulsive kiss between a man and a woman changes their lives and the lives of their children forever.

The Book Club meets on the 3rd 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, GGBC

This month the GGBC revisited MRS. MAC'S FILLING STATION after our Book Club Meeting. This Diner style restaurant is such a comfort. The waitstaff is ALWAYS Wonderful. The food Delish. There was a different dish tried by Linda, a Veggie Mix over English Muffin topped with Melted Cheese. Every dish served was sent back with a CLEAN PLATE, except Pat & myself. We never finish an entire entrée but take home the rest to enjoy later. It was a pleasure to have Pat back to join us after her hip surgery. She's on the mend.

Deborah Katsaros, GGBC

THE Social Club

PAST EVENTS:

--Due to our clubhouse renovations all of our in-house activities were cancelled for the month of August.

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** The Garden Grove ladies lunched was at the Lemon Tree in August. Because they don't accept reservations, we have been reluctant to go there. We had a smaller group this month so we decided to give it a try. We were glad we did. We all enjoyed the smaller group where everyone was able to talk to the whole group.

--**PONTOON BOAT SUNSET CRUISE:**

A group of 16 made 2 valid attempts to go out on a sunset cruise with Environmental Learning Center out of Wabasso. Our first attempt was cancelled before leaving the dock, whereas our second attempt we were out on the water enjoying dolphins, turtles and birds before lightning forced our return, cutting our trip short. The Environmental Learning Center is so professional we received a full refund. If you ever have a chance to visit the Learning Center, I highly recommend it. They have a lot to offer.

Thank you to Judy Kemp for all your organization.

--**POKENO:** A huge thank you to Collette Wilkinson and her crew for stepping up by providing a new game while Linda took a bingo break. A special thanks also goes to Emily Harris who used her skill to make an easy to see board.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

--**SCHOOL SUPPLIES WANTED:** Even though school has already started it is not too late to drop off supplies at the clubhouse in the plastic bin.

--**RICK'S AMERICANA:** A no fuss, no set up night out. 5:30 Sunday August 30-please bring a finger food to share.

--**BINGO:** Bingo is back!! Sept. 2 & 16 first game will start at 6:30. Remember there are 10 games at \$1.00 per game with a 50/50. GG Bingo is open to GG residents or visiting house guests.

--**SOCIAL CLUB MEETING:** We will have a Social Club meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 9:30 am. Please attend to get our upcoming season started.

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** We are planning to go to the Boston House (Fort Pierce) on September 9.

If you would like to join the group, please let Shirley Johnson (772 538 6868) know by the end of next week. Final count will be confirmed on Tuesday, September 8 at 4 pm.

--**TRIVIA:** Our next competition will be Friday, September 18 at 5PM. Flyers will come out about a week prior to the event, but feel free to contact Shirley (772 538 6868) anytime. We will follow our usual format. ...Mingle with the competition and enjoy a finger food buffet beginning at 5 PM, followed by the drawing of the 50-50 ticket and six rounds of Trivia.

Please consider joining us. We would love to have more people participate. It is an early evening, promising a lot of fun! People are usually home between 7:30 and 8 PM.

Make your reservations as a team or singly with Shirley Johnson (772 538 6868). There is no cost involved however, Shirley needs to have a head count to make sure there is enough people to field a competitive event.

--**THEATER GOERS:** If you are interested in subscribing for the 2026-2027 season, please contact Shirley Johnson phone or text at 772 538 6868 to discuss possibilities.

Pricing is a little different for this season as well as the configuration of a season ticket; however, it can be worked out to everyone's satisfaction with a little bit of preplanning.

While we would like to stick to a matinee, the day of the week can change. We have attended Thursday for the past few years.

--**IDEAS:** If you have any thoughts or ideas for possible events for next season, please let Linda know. You don't have to be the host but your help would be appreciated.

--**THINGS BREWING FOR UPCOMING SEASON:**

*High Tea (women only)

*Talent Show

*Murder Mystery

*Octoberfest . . . to name a few

So --if you are getting rid of any vintage tea pots or vintage tea cups OR if you know of an Octoberfest band. . .

PLEASE let Linda know 907 362 2389

HUMOR:

Bread is like the sun



...It rises in the
yeast & sets in the waist.



Every Day Activities

Water Aerobics - 9:00 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
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 – 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
Water Aerobics - 9:00 AM

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30 BINGO	3 Bowling Meeting 2:00	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8 9:30 Social Club Mtg	9 Ladies Lunch	10	11 Patriots Day	12
13 Grandparents Day	14	15	16 11:00 Book Club 6:30 BINGO	17	18 TRIVIA 5:00	19
20 Yom Kippur begins	21 Peace Day	22 Autumn begins	23	24 10:30 Board Meeting	25	26 Full Moon
27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3

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