

Garden Clippings



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Board of Directors' Corner

Reminders for a Thriving Community

As we enjoy the warm days of summer here in Garden Grove, the Board would like to thank all residents for their efforts in keeping our community safe, attractive, and neighborly. Please take a moment to review these timely reminders and updates:

◆ New Rules Booklet & Resident Directory

If you haven't yet picked up your updated 2025 Rules Booklet and Community Directory, copies are available in the office during regular hours. These resources are important references for community living—please be sure to stop by and get yours!

◆ Please Do Not Feed the Wildlife

Feeding ducks, squirrels, or other wild animals may seem harmless, but it poses health risks to the animals and can lead to pest problems for our community. Thank you for helping to protect our natural surroundings.

◆ Front Porch & Garden Décor Guidelines

We appreciate the care residents take in decorating their homes. Please remember that porch and garden décor should be tasteful, not obstruct pathways or lawn care, and should be limited in quantity. Seasonal decorations should be removed shortly after the season ends to maintain a neat appearance.

◆ Special Assessment – Final Payment Due

A reminder that the final payment for the Special Assessment is due by September 1st. Payments received after this date will incur late fees. Please contact the office if you have questions about your payment status.

◆ Community Presentations: Management Company Review

Your Board is currently reviewing options for HOA management services. We've scheduled presentations from two potential companies so that residents can hear directly from them and provide feedback.

- Keystone Property Management will present at the September Board Meeting
- Elliott Merrill Management will present at the October Board Meeting

◆ Keep Sidewalks Clear

Parking on or across sidewalks is not allowed. Clear walkways are essential for the safety of all residents, including those using wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers. Be sure to remind any visitors or service providers of this rule.

We encourage all residents to attend these meetings, learn more, and share your thoughts with us as we consider the best path forward for Garden Grove.

Thank you for being part of what makes Garden Grove such a wonderful place to live. Your attention to these small details helps preserve the quality of life we all enjoy.

WASTE MANAGEMENT & YOUR NEW CARTS

I wish I could make better sense of this for you, but I'm as confused as you are. According to the last article received:

----June/July – we all get a new 65-gallon recycle cart, I'm suggesting if you've received your new cart and you want to keep it GREAT. If you still have your old cart, leave it out.

----August – we all get a new 95-gallon yard waste cart. I know 95% of you don't even want it, but I am sure they will distribute them anyway. I will try to work something out with WM to pick them up. Maybe at a later date we can try and collect them at the clubhouse lot. We will advise.

----September – we all get a new 95-gallon trash cart. This should work the same way as the recycle cart delivery.

As of October 1st, you will be able to exchange your new carts for other size choices: 35-gal, 65-gal, 95-gal.

For more information:

•Solid Waste Director: Himanshu Mehta
(hmehta@indianriver.gov) 772-226-3211.

•Recycle Coordinator: Sue Flak
(sglak@indianriver.gov) 772-226-3206.

REMINDER: Lawn trimming "reflector procedure"

- **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.

SUNSHINE CLUB

"Sympathy" cards sent to:

- Bill Stong - Loss of Barbara
- Family of Ken Farmer

"Get Well" cards sent to:

- Dan Lichty
- Charlie Horta

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

Some history to share:

The Declaration of Independence

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the **Declaration of Independence** and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.

But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776).

It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775).

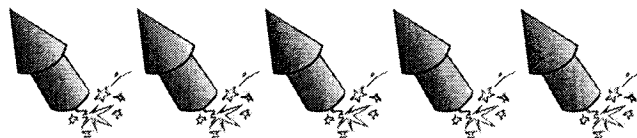
And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).

So, what did happen on July 4, 1776?

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broad sides, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So, when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

In contrast, we celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th of each year, the anniversary of the date the Constitution was signed, not the anniversary of the date it was approved. If we'd followed this same approach for the Declaration of Independence we'd be celebrating Independence Day on August 2nd of each year, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed!



GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

The GG Book Club will be meeting next on Wednesday, July 16th at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing 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 20th century. These women, known as "shining girls" were exposed to radium paint, which caused them to develop serious illnesses and eventually die.

August's book choice is "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon. This historical fiction is set in Hallowell, Maine, in 1789 and follows the life of Martha Ballard, a 54 year-old midwife who leverages her standing as a medical professional to investigate two crimes: a murder and a rape.

The Book Club meets on the 3rd 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.

GG Book Club ventured to the **FISHACK, 1931 OLD DIXIE 772-770-0977** for our June lunch -- This is a delightful restaurant. The Fresh seafood is a tasty pleasure. The Fish & Chips were large pieces of Cod w/fries. House special of Seafood Stew was a bit spicy but full of sea items. The Scallops were Fresh & cooked right, bread crumb topping a bit salty. Shrimp & Grits cooked to perfection & enjoyed. The Lobster Roll \$\$ Not cheap BUT full of Lobster meat, light mayo & celery. Just the exact way it should be made. Shrimp Taco's so good.

Most entrees were about \$20 so bring your wallet. Parking will be covered by the restaurant at the public parking across the street. All-in-All a Fresh Seafood Restaurant. *Deborah Katsaros*

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♥ BRIDGE SCORES ♦

Tues, June 3

1. Ann Sterling
2. Lee Weiler
3. Marcia Collins

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Tues, June 10

1. Gordon Kemp
2. Lee Weiler
3. B. J. Marnie

Tues, June 17

1. Lee Weiler
2. Rayma Kreider
3. Gordon Kemp

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THE Social Club

PAST EVENTS:

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** We had a wonderful turnout of Garden Grovers at Clase Azul on Wednesday, June 11. We all enjoyed a fine Mexican spread.

UPCOMING NEWS

--**BINGO:** Bingo dates for July will be the 2nd & 16. There are 10 games at \$1.00 per game. The first game starts at 6:30.

-- **JULY 4:** We are having a July 4 BBQ in the clubhouse on Friday, July 4 4:00-6:00. Sign up already took place but if you would like to attend and you did not sign up please let Linda know (907 362 2389) as she will be shopping soon and wants to make sure there is enough food.

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** We are making plans for our July luncheon as this newsletter goes to print. Our luncheon date will be July 9. Please call or text Shirley Johnson at 772 538 6868 by July 8 at 4:00 PM if you would like to join in the fun.

--**SOCIAL CLUB MEETING:** We will not be having a July or August meeting but if you have any concerns don't hesitate to call or text Linda. Remember **ALL** Garden Grove residents are automatically members of the Social Club, even if you are renting. Everyone's input is important.

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

The plays for the upcoming season look very good—Little Shop of Horrors; Love and Murder; Jesus Christ Superstar; and Nine to Five. 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.

--**TRIVIA:** We hope to gather on July 25 at 5 PM for another Garden Grove Trivia challenge. Please call in with your team or individual reservation no later than July 24 at noon. If we do not field at least three teams before then we will postpone our event until more people are in town. Once we have three teams, walk-ins may attend.

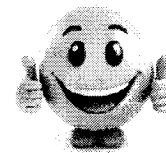
We will mingle and share a finger food buffet before beginning at 5 PM. The 50-50 will be drawn following dinner. Six rounds of trivia will top off the evening. Please join us.

Call Shirley at 772 538 6868 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.



--**BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE:** The July Birthday celebration will be July 27 @ 1:30-2:30.

--**COMING UP: AUGUST
-ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

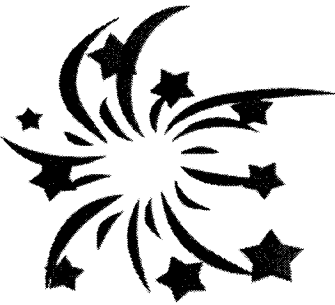


HUMOR:

--**WHY CAN'T YOU TRUST STAIRS?**

-- **THEY ARE ALWAYS UP TO SOMETHING?**





JULY

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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

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

		1	2	3	4	5
			6:30 BINGO		Independence Day Cook-Out 4:00	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Ladies Lunch	FULL MOON		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			11:00 Book Club 6:30 BINGO			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					5:00 TRIVIA	
27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	Aug 2
Birthday Open House 1:30-2:30						

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