

# Garden Clippings



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## **Board of Directors' Corner**

Hello neighbors,

As we roll into October, a quick reminder about clubhouse traffic: please do not park in front of the clubhouse or under the portico during daytime or evening events. That area must stay open for emergencies, quick drop-offs, and golf-cart access. If you're arriving by cart, please park in a single line along the west side only—not on both sides—so everyone can pass safely.

A few community courtesies to keep things running smoothly: if you use the fitness room, please avoid dropping weights and remember to wipe down equipment when you're finished.

For our many dog lovers, thank you for helping keep our paths and lawns pleasant—always pick up after your pet, keep dogs leashed outdoors, and use a muzzle if your dog poses any threat to others. Our covenants also limit households to two dogs.

Speaking of covenants, please take a few minutes to read the current rule book and our governing documents if you haven't lately. We're also working on an update to the clubhouse-use rules for private parties; look for those changes soon.

Mark your calendar: we'll decorate the clubhouse for Halloween on October 18. Residents may begin putting up their own decorations at that time. Please plan to take decorations down within two weeks after Halloween (by mid-November) so our community stays tidy.

This month is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month—a moment to support early detection and each other. Regular screenings save lives, and even small gestures, like wearing pink, help spread the message.

We have an important visitor at our October Board meeting: a representative from Elliott-Merrill Management will join us on October 23 at 10:00 AM to discuss management services. Choosing a management company is a major decision, and your feedback matters. We hope you will attend to hear what they offer and consider how it compares with information we received from First Service and Keystone.

Finally, if you'd like to leave a lasting mark on our community, personalized engraved bricks are still available for the walkway by the clubhouse. Pickup your order form outside of the office.

Thank you for your care and cooperation—see you around the neighborhood!

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Effective October 6, for Garden Grove, you can begin using your brown yard waste cart. We hope that you will use it and minimize any yard debris pick-up for the landscapers on Thursdays.

As previously mentioned, the landscapers will not pick up anything from your brown yard waste cart.

We are aware that many of you do not want this brown cart and we are trying to work out a plan for a one-time pick-up. More information to come.

Contact information for Waste Management:

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

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

## **2025 ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the membership is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 PM. You will receive your required first notice in October, which is sent 60 days in advance of the meeting. This mailing is to inform you of the date, time, and location of the upcoming meeting, and will include a Notice of Intent to be a Candidate form.

For those entertaining the thought of becoming a Board Member, there will be three (3) director positions that must be filled at the December 10 Annual Meeting. All completed Candidate forms must be received at the office by 4:00 PM on Friday, October 31, no exceptions.

You will receive your official Annual Meeting voting information in mid-November. This packet will include information regarding your Budget and Reserves for 2026 as well as an election ballot, should an election be necessary. An election requires a 20% membership participation, one vote per household.



## SUNSHINE CLUB

"Sympathy" card sent to:  
- Dave Parrillo - Loss of Pat



"Get Well" cards sent to:  
- Jim Silvestri - Dick Wright - Leo Suplee

*I would like to thank our friends at Garden Grove for all the support, cards, Masses, sympathy words of kindness and most of all the Love from our Garden Grove residents. My family and I much appreciated it.*

*Thank you, Dave Parrillo and Family*

*This note is intended as a "Thank You" for all of the residents of Garden Grove.*

*It is hard to believe that my years are now in the three-digit range. The twenty-two years of residency here have flown by but it is a joy to great "new comers" who keep adding a "younghness" to our environment. The many cards, notes and flowers that were sent to me were truly appreciated, Thank you all! Barbara "Jeff" Haven ♥*



### Garden Grove Bowling League



The Garden Grove Bowling League will begin this Thursday, October 2nd at Vero Bowl, starting practice at 1:50 and tournament at 2:00.

Once league starts, bowlers may practice at the alley any day of the week paying a special price of \$2.50 per game.

Our league has 10 teams of 4 people each and since life happens, we are always including subs to have full teams as much as possible so, if you would like to join as one of them, contact Jerry Tierman at 573-480-7459.

We are all looking forward to a great and fun season.

### INVITATION FROM GROVE ISLE

Our neighbors next door at Grove Isle have invited us to attend a presentation they are hosting with **Indian River Land Trust** on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Event will begin at 8:30am with coffee & pastries and the presenter will begin at 9:15am. Afterwards, for those who are interested, they will give us a tour of their butterfly garden.

Since we both share borders with Indian River Land Trust property, it should be worthwhile information.

We need to give them a head count by Nov 9, so please sign-up at the clubhouse, there is a sign-up sheet on the counter outside of the office.

### SOUP WITH FRIENDS

Soup with Friends will be held again this year for Garden Grove residents at the clubhouse on Wednesday, November 5. Homemade soup will be served from 11:30 until 1 pm. for a \$5 suggested donation. Take-out is also available in cups for \$5 and quarts for \$15. Beautiful bowls hand-crafted by artists from Indian River Clay will also be available for purchase at \$20 per bowl. Last year's event was so well received that we raised over \$2,000 for the Samaritan Center, a shelter and fresh start for homeless families. Please join us!

## Lucky Us-No hurricanes so far!

But it is prudent to stay prepared till the season officially ends Nov 30. Some of the larger ones the last few years, popped up suddenly and grew very fast due to the very warm ocean temperatures near our coasts.

If you are a snowbird who is returning before the end of hurricane season, please notify your coordinator. Their principal role has been to provide information for you to make your plans (they play no active role in warning you when to evacuate) and to keep our search list up-to-date. For the safety of your neighbors who could endanger themselves trying to help you after a disaster, we would like to know the hurricane category at which you would evacuate.

You should also have made your own preparations for a quick evacuation and have laid in emergency supplies for an extended power outage. Some information is in the clubhouse and you can always ask your coordinators.

For additional information, contact Gordon Kemp 724-695-7892.

## BIKE RIDER & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Bike riding is a fun past time that many of us enjoy. We are all familiar with the basic safety rules for bike riding – wear a helmet, ride with traffic on the right side of the road, obey all traffic laws, be alert of your surroundings, yield to pedestrians, and use a front and rear light after dark.

A very important bike riding safety rule, which some bike riders may not be aware of is the passing rule. When you are riding your bike and you want to pass another bike rider or pedestrian you should always pass on the left. Politely announce your presence and intention to pass by saying "On your left" or "Passing on your left". Then carefully pass on the left while giving ample space to avoid startling them, especially if they are slower bike riders or pedestrians.

Additionally, bike riders and pedestrians who use earphones should only use their earphones in one ear. Leave the other ear open for surrounding sounds, including a warning from a passing bike rider.

Let's keep everyone safe.

## GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

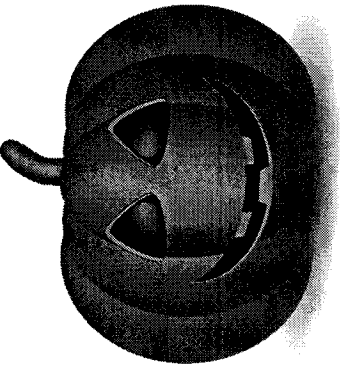
The GG Book Club will be meeting next on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing is "The Secret Life of Sunflowers" by Dana Marton writing as Marta Molnar. This historical fiction is based on the true story of Johanna Bonger, sister-in-law to Vincent van Gogh, who was instrumental in establishing his artistic legacy after his death.

November's book choice is "James" by Percival Everett. This is a re-imagined story of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* from the perspective of the enslaved character Jim.

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.

Sign-up at clubhouse on Wed. Oct 22 from 10-noon.



#### 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  
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

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12	13	14 9:30 Social Club Meeting	15 Sign-up 10-12 Halloween 11:00 Book Club 6:30 BINGO	16	17	18 10:00 Decorate Halloween
19	20	21	22 Sign-up Paint Class 10-noon	23 10:00 Board Meeting	24 TRIVIA	25
26 Birthday Open House 1:30-2:30	27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN PARTY	NOV 1

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