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Board of Directors' Corner

WELCOME BACK to our seasonal residents!!

The November Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday, November 14th at 10:30 AM (please note: this date differs from our normal schedule). At the November meeting we will have a presentation outlining the operating & reserve budget projection for 2026 and the status of the Special Assessment projects and funding.

The Annual Meeting of the membership is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 PM. We know it took a while for some of you to receive your first notice but if we don't know when you plan to return, we don't know where to send it.

The candidate forms required submittal by Oct. 31 and since receiving three (3) candidate forms for the three (3) open positions there will be no need for an election.

You will receive your official Annual Meeting information in mid-November. This packet will include your meeting agenda and Proxy. Please complete and return your Proxy in advance in order to establish a 30% quorum which is required in order to hold the meeting.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste Management and Indian River County are a bit overwhelmed right now with the new Universal cart distribution, but they are taking exchange orders and following up eventually.

If you want to make a change to any of your cart sizes, or return any of the carts, you will need to get on the list. The alternative cart sizes are:

35 gal - 65 gal - 95 gal

Contact information for Waste Management:

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

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

○ Daylight Savings Time Ends
 Remember to turn your clocks back!
 Sunday, November 2nd



ENTRY SYSTEM

Finally, a new up-to-date entry system and we hope that everyone has perfected the options.

When using the display you are on camera. The main menu asks you to make a selection from 2 options:

- 1. Are you calling a resident
- 2. Are you using an entry code
- 1. If you select "calling a resident" then the directory of residents will appear. You can type their last name, or the first letter of their last name, or scroll the entire directory. You will find a number associated with that resident and when you punch in that code it will call the resident. This will call your landline or your cell number, whatever we have on record. Once you distinguish that you are receiving a call from the entrance, you will then push "9" on your phone and the gate will swing open. You can hear the gate signal the opening.
- 2. If you select "using a code number" then a number pad will appear and you input your 4-digit assigned entry code. Once you put in your entry code you must hit ENTER which is at the bottom of the number pad.

Try practicing both options so that you can then instruct your guests. If you've forgotten your code number, or have any questions, reach out to the office.

The same contractor code is still in the system.

We will also be installing new cameras at the entrance and then at the swimming pool. These will be updated cameras with more capabilities and better clarity.



SUNSHINE CLUB

"Sympathy" cards sent to:

- Michele Hauptman Loss of Allen
- Family of Jim Silvestri

"Get Well" card sent to:

- Kathy "Sully" Sullivan

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

Garden Grove Grounds Committee

Our first meeting of the season will be on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 11:00 AM in the Clubhouse. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month and are always delighted to have new members join us.

INVITATION FROM GROVE ISLE

Reminder for those that signed up for the presentation at Grove Isle on Tuesday, November 11th with **Indian River Land Trust.** It will begin at 8:30am with coffee & pastries and the presenter will begin at 9:15am. Afterwards, for those who are interested, they will offer a tour of their butterfly garden.

An advance reservation was required and your names submitted to Grove Isle so that the entry security will allow you access. Please try to carpool since parking is limited.



MORNING COFFEE

Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00-9:00AM. Come join us.

TENNIS - TRY IT!!

Did you know it has been scientifically proven that racquet sports support longevity and brain health?! Coed recreational tennis on M, W, F, and S - 8:30-10:30 (weather depending). Come 1 day or all 4! Play with all ages - 60's, 70's, 80's and yes 90's!! Please join us for some great exercise, fun and camaraderie! Just show up with your racquet. Hope to see you soon!

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3. Marilyn Armstrong

Tues, Oct 7

1. B. J. Marnie

2. Lee Weiler

3. Rayma Kreider

Tues, Oct 21

1. Guest

2. B. J. Marnie3. Lee Weiler

Tues, Oct 28

2. Guest

Tues, Oct 14

1. B. J. Marnie

1. Sharon Reid

2. B. J. Marnie

3. Marilyn Armstrong

GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

The GG Book Club will be meeting next on Wednesday, November 19th at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing is "James" by Percival Everett. This is a reimagined story of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* from the perspective of the enslaved character Jim.

December's book choice is "The Long Road Back to You" by Buck Turner. This 2020 romantic, historical fiction follows the story of Charlie Ross, a young man drafted into the Vietnam War and Anna, the sweetheart he left behind.

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.

Sheila Dilley

Our Book Club group was small, 3 ladies, so we decided to revisit a favorite lunch spot CAFE 66, 685 US 1. This Cafe is such a pleasant place to enjoy a mixed menu. One was a PATTY MELT, swiss cheese, grilled onions on rye. It was Delish. Another meal was the FISH PLATTER, fried cod-shrimp-hush puppies. Truly a southern delight. I went with a dish I've always loved, SHRIMP & GRITS, it wasn't a great combo but it wasn't terrible. For me the seasoning was not over spicy but poured on unevenly and the GRITS a little too runny. I now know not to get this dish in a BBQ joint.

Deborah Katsaros GGBC



PAST EVENTS:

--LADIES LUNCHEON: On October 8, a large group of Garden Grovers enjoyed a festive atmosphere at Ocean Grill while sharing a spooktacular luncheon. It was hard not to get caught up with the spirit of the holiday amidst so many ghosts and goblins.

--TRIVIA: A successful trivia night! October 24 was the first trivia challenge of the 2026 season. We welcomed some of our snowbirds back and hope more will return by the next trivia challenge.

After competing in six rounds of trivia, the Hawthorne High Q's were victorious.

The winning team was Leo Suplee, Jackie Davis, Marcia Conley, and Peggy & Bob Flowers. It was Marcia Conley's lucky night as she won the 50/50 too.

All in attendance are anxiously awaiting the next opportunity to claim the Garden Grove Trivia trophy and bragging rights. We are hoping to have another trivia night in November so watch your mailbox.

--DECORATING for HALLOWEEN: Thank you to those who came out to help decorate the clubhouse for Halloween & to Kathy Dalbey who put up the lights. Hopefully we will see more people when it is time to decorate for Christmas.

--HALLOWEEN PARTY: I am writing the clippings at the same time I am putting the final touches on this year's Halloween party. I am excited to report that our Halloween numbers have never been as high as they are this year but even more excited that some of our new residents are attending the party.

As tradition has it, Maryland Chicken will be catering with Old Hippies providing the music. I can hardly wait to see all the costumes -- remember you will be the judges.

UPCOMING NEWS

- --BINGO: Bingo dates for Nov. will be the 5th & 19. There are 10 games at \$1.00 per game. The first game starts at
- --LADIES LUNCHEON: We are working on our location for November 12 as this newsletter goes to the press. If you would like to participate contact Shirley Johnson at 772 538 6868 to reserve a seat.

Preliminary reservations will be made the first week of November-we will need a final count by Nov. 11 at 4 PM.

Please consider joining us! We always have a great time, sharing good food and wonderful conversation.

- -SOUP with FRIENDS: Soup with Friends will be held again this year for Garden Grove residents at the clubhouse on Wednesday, November 5 between 11:30-1:30. Residents have signed up to make soup so please help us help the Samaritan House by stopping by the clubhouse and purchasing a bowl of soup for \$5 or a quart for \$15. We will also have pottery bowls for sale for \$20 made by the potters of Vero Beach. All the proceeds will go to the Samaritan House.
- **If you signed up to make a soup please try and have your soup at the clubhouse by 11:15.
- --PAINTING with BOB ROSS: Jerry Tierman has taken the time to put together an afternoon of painting. This will take place on Nov. 7 You already had to make arrangements with Jerry to attend but if you should have guestions feel free to give him a call at 573 480 7459.
- --SOCIAL CLUB MEETING: Nov. 10 is our next social club meeting; take note this is a Monday instead of our usual Tuesday mornings since on Tuesday Nov. 11, many people are attentind the presentation at Grove Isle.

We will be electing officers for 2026 at the Nov 10 meeting.

-- UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS: With the holiday seaon and busy schedules we have decided to move our first BBQ fundraiser to January 14, giving us pleanty of time to get things in order. You will be able to order a hamburger (or turkey burger)/hotdog accompanied with chips, cookie, and beverage. You can eat at the clubhouse or get a to-go box. The committee is still working out the final details but the fundraisers proceeds will be going to JR ROTC at Vero Beach high school. JR ROTC is an opportunity to attract Air Force JR ROTC cadets to the field of Aviation through Embry-Riddle's ground school and small UAS certificate programs, with the hope of getting high schoolers interested in an aviation career while becoming young leaders in their communities and for our country.

Watch your mailbox for flyer.

--THEATER GOERS: We are going to the first production of the 2025-2026 Riverside Theater on October 30 at 2 PM. The first play is Little House of Horrors. If you are interested in joining and going to the pre-play lunch, contact Shirley Johnson at 772 538 6868.

The other three shows are as follows (January 22) A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder; (March 12) Jeasus Christ Superstar and (April 30) 9 to 5.

- **--RESERVATIONS**: As hard as it is to believe we will be taking reserations on Wednesday Nov. 12 for both Thanksgiving dinner & Christmas Dinner Dance. At this time, we do not have the Christmas dinner dance price. We will have a flyer out by Nov. 8 with all the details. I just wanted you to be able to save the date (s) *Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Nov. 27. We will have a cut off of 50 people. *Christmas Dinner Dance will be Friday, December 12 with a cut-off of 120 people. Garden Grove will have first priority, if room allows we will have a designated time to sign up guests. Dinner will be catered by Wild Thyme and music provided by Shepard -N-Green. No jeans or shorts are allowed -dinner dress attire. At the time of sign-up we will acept one check for both. If you have a certain group of people you would like to sit with please ask them ahead of time and let us know at sign-up, also let us know if you have any special needs.
- --THANKSGIVING DINNER: Bring a dish to share. We will want to know at sign up what you are bringing so we have a little of everything (Ist year we were low on a few thinas)

The cost will be \$8.00 PP

If you think you are going to attend pleae call Collette Wilkinson 978 578 0209

- --TREE TRIMMING & CLUBHOUSE DECORATING: We will discuss the date and time at the next social club meeeting. Watch your mailbox for details-better yet come to the November meeting.
- --BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE: The Nov. celebration will be November 30 @ 1:30-2:30.







HUMOR:

-WHAT DO YOU CALL A BELT MADE OF WATCHES?

-A WAIST OF TIME



DECEMBER:

3 & 17 -BINGO

-BAKE SALE / MARKET PLACE10

-ANNUAL MEETING 10

-CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE 12

14

-GOLF CART/CAR PARADE

-NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 31





