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Board of Directors' Corner

The Garden Grove Club Board of Directors would like to wish all of our owners, residents & their families a very Merry Christmas and holiday season.

Treasurer's Report APPROVED BUDGET - 2026

At the Board of Directors monthly meeting held on November 14, 2025, the Board of Directors approved the Operating and Reserve Budget for the fiscal year 2026. The Finance Committee held several meetings to review and discuss all projects, reserves and intended expenses for the 2026 year. At the conclusion of the sessions, they recommended a budget to the Board of Directors for their consideration.

The Finance Committee is comprised of: Rose Truglio – Chairman. Members: Marvin Bilheimer, Gordon Kemp, Jean Dillon, Mary Lou Rush and Amy Cavasinni.

The Board of Directors adopted the budget at their November 14th meeting and thanks to the good budgeting practices of our Board of Directors, Finance Committee and Management we were able to keep your increase to a reasonable level. Due to increases in contract services and insurance premiums, it is necessary to increase the monthly fees by \$8.00 for the 2026 budget year. This \$8.00 represents a 2.6% increase.

The 2026 Operating Budget will be \$825,340.00 and the Reserve Funding will be \$92,417.00 for a total of \$917,757.00 -- bringing the monthly homeowner's contribution for 2026 to \$320.00 per home, per month.

With the Special Assessment funding of \$1,500.00 per household, we were able to accomplish many of the projects that are necessary for maintaining an aging community. It takes everyone's support to keep Garden Grove healthy & flourishing.

ENTRY SYSTEM

We are noticing that many of the vendors are still having difficulty entering when instructed to use a code number. Please instruct your vendors to select the option "using an entry code". Most likely they are selecting "calling a resident" which will not gain them access.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

The ongoing plan with Waste Management, through Indian River County, is to return all of the old carts and contact them directly if you would like to swap one of your new carts for a smaller size.

The alternative cart sizes are:

35 gal - 65 gal - 95 gal

If you have any of the old carts waiting for removal pick-up, please lay it on its side for easy identification.

Contact information for Waste Management:

- Solid Waste Director: Himanshu Mehta
(hmehta@indianriver.gov) 772-226-3211.
- Recycle Coordinator: Sue Flak
(sqlak@indianriver.gov) 772-226-3206.

INVITATION FROM GROVE ISLE

Our neighbors Grove Isle have again invited Garden Grove residents to a presentation with the Indian River County Conservation Land Division on Tuesday, December 9th. It will begin at 8:30am with coffee & the program will begin at 9:00am.

Indian River County Conservation Land Division manages county parks, trails, picnic areas and want to emphasize new county properties to explore. Please sign up at the clubhouse before Dec 8th.

GENERAL REMINDERS - There are many guests visiting at this time of year, here are a few items to be aware of:

- Do not park vehicles on the lawn, or on the sidewalk and do not block a sidewalk. We see contractors pulling up on sidewalks when the driveways are empty, these vehicles can damage the sidewalks and the storm drain caps.
- Do not park on the street overnight.
- We are finding a lot of sand accumulating at the bottom of the pool & spa. Always shower before entering the pool or spa, especially when coming from the beach.
- It is Florida law that all pets should be on a leash when outside of your home and always pick up after your pets.
- A single "for sale" or "for rent" sign no larger than 14"x18" may be displayed on a lot. One additional "open house" sign is permitted only on designated times, which is Sundays 12:00-3:00.

SUNSHINE CLUB

"Sympathy" cards sent to:

- Bob Kapp - loss of Mother, Fran
- Mary Bowman - loss of Sister

"Get Well" cards sent to:

- Pauline Doran
- Donna Sack

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

Thank You

Thank You!
A huge thank you to all who helped this year with our Soup Bowl event and all who participated! So wonderful of you to prepare soup, purchase bowls or enjoy a cup with friends. We raised \$860! Samaritan Center is grateful for your generosity!

And a thank you to all of those who have donated toys for the families at United Against Poverty. Some of them have already been given to needy families! Still accepting them if you would like to participate!

Kathy Flynn

Kathy Flynn



Garden Grove Bowling League



Garden Grove Bowling League is in full swing with all bowlers in town. Highest scores of the season as of the end of November are as follows:

MEN

Scratch game	Mike Bonfiglio 256
Scratch series	Mike Bonfiglio 542
Handicap game	Bill Mahoney 285
Handicap series	Jerry Tierman 711

WOMEN

Scratch game	Sharon Bonfiglio 177
Scratch series	Sharon Bonfiglio 468
Handicap game	Rosa Tierman 242
Handicap series	Kathy Vogel 691

First place team JERRY'S ANGELS.

Special call to Skip Collins who picked up a 7 - 10 split! Well done!



♥ BRIDGE SCORES ♦

Tues, Nov 4

1. Rayma Kreider
2. Lois McLean
3. Marilyn Armstrong

Tues, Nov 18

1. Gordon Kemp
2. Guest
3. Marilyn Armstrong



♠ BRIDGE SCORES ♣

Tues, Nov 11

1. Marcia Collins
2. Lois McLean
3. Gordon Kemp

Tues, Nov 25

1. Gordon Kemp
2. Marilyn Armstrong
3. Guest

Garden Grove Grounds Committee

The Grounds Committee meeting for December will be on Wednesday, December 3, 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.

GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

The GG Book Club will be meeting next on Wednesday, December 17th at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing 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.

January's book choice is "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles. This historical fiction is about Captain Kidd, a widower and Civil War veteran, who travels through post-Civil War Texas in 1880 to deliver a young girl to her relatives.

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*

Sheila Dilley

Such a nice day so we ventured to a Golf Course with a luncheon spot. MANGROVE SANDS, a Café /Restaurant, 100 WOODLAND DR. 772-469-0197. They have just redecorated the interior, nice clean fresh-looking place. Choices were limited, but enough for a pleasant lunch. The portions were fairly good sized & even though we waited a good amount of time to be served, everything came out hot & delish. I had a hot dog; it reminded me of those rolled grilled dogs from Nathan's. Nice size tasty, but the fries were too salty for me. Others ordered the Fish & Chips nice piece of fish, Wings starter good size for lunch. Mahi sandwich full piece of fish with fresh add-ons. Over all we were surprised that everyone enjoyed this place. Give it a try. *Deborah Katsaros*

Deborah Katsaros

THE
Social Clubs

Merry Christmas to all
from your Social Club

PAST EVENTS:

--LADIES LUNCHEON: 18 ladies attended out November lunch at Manatee Island in Fort Pierce. A beautiful waterfront view and delicious food was had by all.

--TRIVIA: We unfortunately had to postpone our November 21st Trivia challenge. Too many of our regular players weren't available. We will reschedule the event for a time in January or February.

The Hawthorne High Q's will reign a little longer, but they eagerly await on opportunity to defend their title.

--**HALLOWEEN PARTY:** It was great to see so many in costume at this year's Halloween Party. Congratulations to Max Dilley & Linda Ferkinhoff with their creative & best costumes: Max Dilley alias Beetle Juice and Linda's "One Night Stand" costume.

--**PAINTING with BOB ROSS:** Jerry Tierman sponsored painting with Bob Ross. He had an excellent turn out and those attending were very satisfied with their master pieces. Jerry is thinking about doing another painting day so we will keep you posted.

****If any of you have an ideas of something you would like to bring to the rest of us, talk with Linda.****

--**THANKSGIVING DINNER:** Thank you to everyone who helped make the GG Thanksgiving Dinner so wonderful. New and familiar faces were there to help with set up and clean up. It was truly a group effort. We also want to thank those who brought sides and our new neighbor Tim Mallett for saying grace.

--**TREE TRIMMING & CLUBHOUSE DECORATING:** Thank you to all the wonderful people who came together to transform our clubhouse and get us in the holiday spirit. Jobs like this definitely take everyone coming together.

UPCOMING NEWS

--**BINGO:** Bingo dates for Dec. will be the 3rd & 17. There are 10 games at \$1.00 per game. The first game starts at 6:30. Your holiday guests are welcome to attend.

--**SOCIAL CLUB MEETING:** Dec. 9 is our next social club meeting. All residents including renters are automatically a member of the social club.

--**THANK YOU CAROL:** I would like to personally thank Carol Sugrue for all of her time and dedication to the social club as previous chair, vice chair and At large. We would like to welcome Sue Peterson as At Large.

--**BAKE SALE / MARKET PLACE:** We will have our annual Bake Sale Wednesday, Dec. 10. We are asking for baked goods, crafts, and Chinese Auction items (in good condition). These items will be sold on Dec. 10 from 8:30 AM- 2PM & before and after the annual meeting. Items can be dropped off between 8:00 -9:00 AM at the clubhouse on Dec. 10 or at Pam Gagnon's the night before. Auction Items can be dropped off any time to Linda Ferkinhoff @ 375 Hawthorne Lane.

For all baked goods we ask that you wrap them in clear plastic, include ingredient card to avoid allergy issues and price your items. If you are making a pie or cake please cut it in half.

All proceeds go to the Social Club.

We also need volunteers to help set up, sell, and take down.

--**ANNUAL MEETING:** Dec. 10, 6:30 PM

--**DINNER DANCE SET UP:** This year our dinner dance is on Friday so we will be setting up on Thursday. I realize Thursday is a bowling day so we will begin at 9:45 AM and any time you can spare will be extremely appreciated. There is a lot that goes into the dinner dance set up; chair covers, sashes, table setting etc.

--**CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE:** Our dinner dance is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 12. Our sign up has closed. Wild Thyme will be providing appetizers as well as the main course. All you need to bring is your appetite and whatever it is you want to drink.

This is our one event all year we ask that you wear proper dress attire; no T-shirts, no jeans, no polo shirts or baseball caps.

--**GOLF CART PARADE:** Sunday, Dec. 14 we will have our Christmas parade. Golf carts, cars, bikes, are all invited. Those participating should meet at the clubhouse between 5:00- 5:15 PM beginning our parade @ 5:30. We will go around the community 2x giving you plenty of time to be out in your driveway to cheer the parade on!! After the parade we will meet at the clubhouse for cookies and Christmas punch. Everyone is welcome.

--**NEW YEAR'S EVE RESERVATIONS:** Ring in the New Year with your neighbors:

When: Dec. 31 8:30 PM – 12:00 AM

Cost: \$15 PP Music: Jerry Chambers (DJ)

-Sign Up will be Wednesday, Dec. 17 from 10-12. There is no cut-off date, even if you find yourself sitting at home Dec. 31 you are welcome to come on up.

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** In December, we are having lunch at Ocean Grill—December 19 at 11 PM. We have 27 people signed up to go and another six people on a waiting list. I do hope you will all be able to attend; however, if you reserved a seat and know that you will not be able to attend please let Shirley know so we can include those ladies on the waiting list. It would be a shame to have empty seats when so many people are interested. Any questions contact Shirley Johnson.

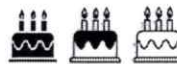
--**CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER:** If there is anyone who would like to sponsor a Christmas Day Dinner, (Dec. 25) for a limited group of people please contact Linda.

--**NEW YEAR'S EVE:** Dec. 31 8:30 PM – 12:00 AM we are asking you to bring either a SMALL appetizer or a dessert to share

--**THEATER GOERS:** The next event at Riverside Theater will be Thursday, January 22 at 2 PM—A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder. Please let Shirley Johnson (772 538 6868) know if you would like to attend and join in with the pre-theater lunch.

If you purchase a ticket for all three remaining shows, you will still have a 10% discount on pricing. If you are just buying a single ticket, it will be full price. Shirley's seat is K116-but you may purchase your seat any place in the theater.

--**BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE:** The Dec. Birthday celebration will be December 28 @ 1:30-2:30. This will be our last Birthday celebration. Thank you Emily Harris and Kathy Vogel for celebrating everyone's journey around the sun.



DO YOU WANT TO BE ON THE LIST: We know the importance of staying connected and knowing what is going on. A member of our social club delivers the clippings to anyone who may not be able to access it through their email or get a copy from the clubhouse. Let Linda 907 362 2389 if you would like to be on the delivery list.



HUMOR:

-WHY DID THE TOMATO TURN RED?

-IT SAW THE SALAD DRESSING!

JAN.

10 - TAKE DOWN DECORATIONS

14 - FUNDRAISER BBQ

24 - CROCK POT PARTY???



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

December

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
			11:00 Ground Committee 6:30 BINGO	FULL MOON		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Pearl Harbor Day		9:30 Social Club Meeting	8:30-2:00 Bake Sale- Marketplace 6:30 Annual Meeting	9:45 Xmas party set-up	4:30 Christmas Dinner Dance	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
5:30 GG Parade Hanukkah			Sign-up 10-12 New Year Eve 11:00 Book Club 6:30 BINGO		Ladies Lunch	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Winter begins				Merry Christmas		
28	29	30	31	2026 Jan 1	2	3
1:30-2:30 Birthday Open House			8:30 New Year's Eve			

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