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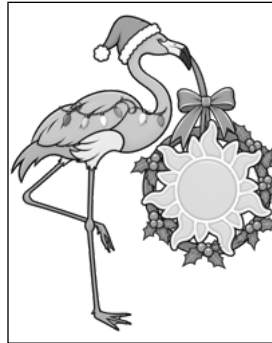
Holidays upon us 29th home tour adds Sunshine to mix

The 2026 Holiday Historic Home Tour, set for Sunday, Dec. 6, will feature nine houses and, for the first time, we are partnering with our neighbors in Sunshine Park, giving guests new avenues to stroll and never-before-seen homes to add to our list.

The 29th home tour (since our inaugural in 1991) will welcome guests from 4 to 8 p.m. Visitors will enjoy savory bites, festive refreshments and holiday cheer at stops along the way, with culinary offerings from local restaurants and purveyors.

Ticket prices are \$75 per person in advance (at FlamingoPark.org) and \$90 per person on the day of the event (cash, check or credit card at the gate).

A separate email will go out to our



membership with a link to access the member presale pricing.

"Both Flamingo Park and Sunshine Park take great pride in preserving the natural beauty and historic significance of our neighborhoods," said Rick Reikenis, FPNA board president. The home tour "is a wonderful opportunity to share that pride with the [wider] community." The event is for guests 21 and older (no exceptions). No pets will be permitted (service animals are welcome in accordance with the law.)

Free parking is available in the lot at 2420 Florida Ave. (south of Westwood Road), as well as in available parking spaces throughout both neighborhoods. Check-in will also be at the Florida Avenue parking lot.

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President's column

Enjoy a festive holiday season and renew with FPNA

Hints of fall (South Florida-style) are upon us. We've survived another summer in what can seem to be the world's largest outdoor sauna.

To our Flamingo friends returning from the North, welcome back!

A few things (for all) to note:

- While this message is going to press just before Halloween, you'll be reading it after the ghosts and goblins have come and gone. Hopefully this was a really nice event in Flamingo Park, and this was the first time we had a judging panel of local teens awarding prizes for house decorations.

- The new dog waste cans have arrived and have been installed on a street corner near you. Thanks so much for using these. Our parkways thank you!

- Our Holiday Historic Home

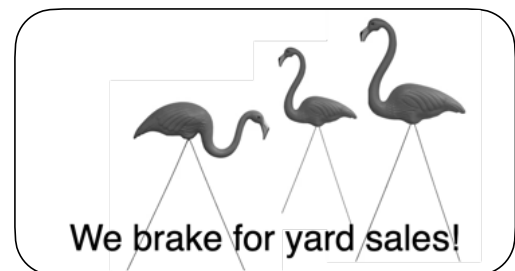
Tour, partnered this year with Sunshine Park, will be held Dec. 6, rain or shine. (Please read more in the story above.)

- This year, you'll notice more festive and lively holiday decorations in some of the entrances to Flamingo Park as well as two of our more iconic roundabouts. The board voted to contract with a local small business lighting company to brighten up parts of the neighborhood. We hope you'll enjoy!

Membership time

Soon we'll be sending out the membership renewal/signup forms to everyone who might want to become or renew being a member of Flamingo Park Neighborhood Association.

See President, Page 6



Extravaganza again? You tell us

The potential 23rd Flamingo Park Yard Sale Extravaganza would be, if enough folks are interested, on Saturday Feb. 14, 2027. (Yeah, I know! But what better proof of love could you show than to get rid of all that stuff your spouse is grouching about? Besides, the next day is a holiday.)

People come from as far as Boca Raton, Wellington and Jupiter to our sales.

One visitor told me that she knew Flamingo Park had a Presidents Day Weekend Yard Sale Extravaganza and did not

like to miss it!

So — if you want to clear out the closets and garage, make a few bucks on things that you don't need but someone else can't live without, and do it in the convenience of your own driveway or yard — pop an email to vmp735@mac.com to express interest and I will respond.

Signup deadline would be mid-January, so pay attention to the January/February *Flyer* for more details.

— Victoria Preuss,
sale maven

House of the Month

Since 1990, FPNA has awarded the avian icon for either ongoing "curb appeal," or for recent rejuvenation of a home's outside appearance.

At press time, the **October** winner, Bhatia Neeraj, was enjoying the bird at **845 Ardmore**.

November's winner is **704 Claremore** — Jonathan Bowerman & Denise Novak

And in **December**, **721 Kanuga** — Brigid & Ray Ashcraft Jr.
Our former House of the Month



gift card benefactor, Audrey Farrelly, was given abrupt notice to close **Serenity Garden Tea House** at the end of August. If you have a card and wish to shop at PB Teas (see ad below), text Audrey at 561-601-5742. to work out shopping details.

Meanwhile, the new **Blissri Bakeshoppe** is providing gift cards to winners. Stop in at 817 Belvedere Road and check out the handcrafted cookies, cupcakes, dessert bars, espresso drinks, specialty lattes and more.

Email nominations to:
FlamingoParkTours@gmail.com.

End of the year socials

At press time, we were eagerly anticipating the Oct. 30 social hosted by Jeff and Margie Yansura, whose home is one of four three-story homes in Flamingo Park and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Hope you made it and wore costume!

Usually, we skip November and December get-togethers, since most folks are busy this time of year. But we have a Nov. 20 special at Nido Home, 502 Palm St.

Owner Drew Duncan has had some events over the summer and wants to welcome more of the neighborhood to his decor store.

These mostly monthly "flocktail hours" take place the last Friday of the month through October. If you're able to open your backyard or garden for one of these fun evenings, in the new year, email flamingoparktours@gmail.com and we'll get you on the calendar.

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Volunteer spotlight

A home flush with flamingos

Kenneth Breslauer and Cheryl Oleski are being awarded the current volunteer spotlight for their many contributions to Flamingo Park since their arrival at 703 Sunset Road in 2016.

They named their home “Le Flamant” in honor of our pink avian namesake. Then they opened their flamingo-strewn garden for our spring tours in 2018, 2022, 2024 and earlier this year.

Likewise, they shared their home — also a hotbed of flamingo memorabilia and artwork — for our 2019 holiday home tour.

The couple for years have also maintained Little Free Libraries — including the “good dog” biscuit box — along the well-trafficked Georgia Avenue side of their property.

Their generosity as neighbors for this last decade is truly appreciated.



See some old-time commerce

The August issue of *Southern Living* has articles on classic food and beverages that were, and still are, uniquely pleasing to the Southern palate.



“Nothing Like a Sun Drop” is about old-time sodas: Orange Crush, Sun Drop, Frostie Root Beer and Grapette. Evidently, grape soda was a real hit!

This reading met up with research I was doing on commerce “back in the day” on Dixie Highway, Belvedere Road and the 400-500 blocks of Flamingo, Claremore and Kanuga drives.

There is a one-story structure at 430 Kanuga that has housed several businesses, but researching in the old city directories at the Mandel Library I found that in 1950 there was a Grapette bottling plant there.

The *Palm Beach Post* of Aug. 24, 1947, shows a photo of the building with a notation of “New business opens here — Grapette Bottling Co.” (It was sold eventually to Deep Rock Water Co.— a source of bottled water locally for many years).

Check out FlamingoPark.org for images.

— Linda Cullen, historic chair

WPB Neighborhood Alliance

A new group of West Palm Beach residents has formed “from across neighborhoods, fighting for our homes, our streets, and our infrastructure to be maintained alongside the prolific development taking place across the city.”

From the website — www.westpalmbeachna.com — this opinion piece has been edited for space and style.

“Bursting water and sewer lines, crews parking on our streets, traffic, construction noise, congestion that blocks emergency vehicles all represent constant threats to our quality of life, the value of our homes, and the character of our city.

“For years, residents have attended meetings, engaged with officials, and shared their voices to no avail. That ends now.

“We have retained a top-tier litigation attorney to help us fight for our homes and neighborhoods.

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“Downtown, the historic districts north and south of it, the South Flagler/SoSo area, and neighborhoods beyond are confronting the cumulative effects of rapid development — construction, traffic, parking, noise, dust, utility strain, risks to homes and pedestrian safety, and years of disruption.

“Residents are asking the same question: Are neighborhood protections, infrastructure and quality of life being given the same weight as the push to develop?

“This campaign is about more than stopping one project. It is about securing a seat at the table, enforceable neighborhood protections, transparent public decision-making, and community-focused development for all residents of West Palm Beach.”



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Tour, from Page 1

Complimentary Rose Trolleys will provide transportation from the lot to stops along the tour.

The Holiday Historic Home Tour, along with our spring garden tour, is FPNA's largest fundraising event — supporting efforts to preserve and enhance our historic neighborhood.

We really need a legion of volunteers to help out on many fronts. For example:

- Volunteers with roomy vehicles to deliver supplies to host homes on the day or two before the event.
- Residents who can lend equipment such as coolers and folding tables.
- Energetic folks to assist hosts at homes during the tour.
- A few folks to pick up and return borrowed goods after the tour.

Some volunteers are working as we go to press — organizing food, selling ads for the brochure, booking the transportation and parking

options, reserving a check-in canopy and so much more.

And of course the home hosts themselves are sprucing up and decorating with a clear deadline! Isn't that what we all need sometimes?

Light it up!

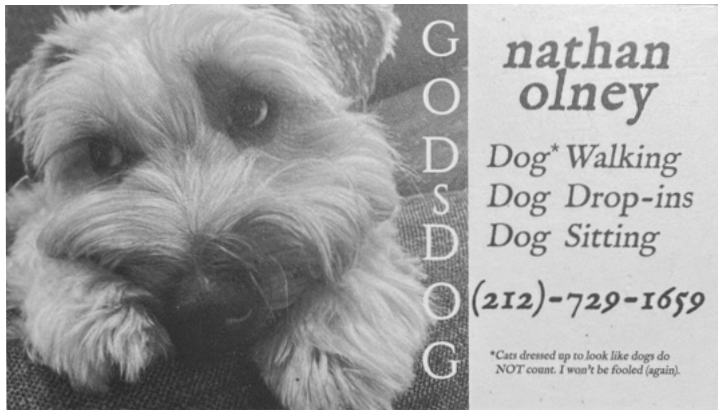
As in the past, an outside team will judge exterior lighting and decor on the night before the tour. Prizes to be decided.

Volunteer Scott Goorland will lead a group of elves to put the wreaths on our street-name posts to "round out" the look.

Keep streets clear

Since this is an evening affair, we will have a lot of people on our sidewalks and streets in the dark. In order to ensure maximum safe room to maneuver, we ask that residents do not put out yard clippings/trash piles until the next day, Monday. (*Which is city code anyway!*)

For additional information, email FlamingoParkWPB@gmail.com.



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Don't tape signs to painted poles

The black cast-iron street- sign poles — all 34 of them — are owned and maintained by Flamingo Park Neighborhood Association.

Over time they need repainting, and that costs FPNA treasury funds. Taping notices on these poles destroys the paint.

Please don't abuse our hard-won funds by doing it, and if you see one, gently pry it off.

President, from Page 1

This year, we are asking that you consider joining and paying online (see the QR code on the back page of the Flyer, or go to our website at flamingopark.org.) Our secure link also includes an option for auto-renew so you don't have to worry about remembering to pay your membership dues/forms every year.

Before your renewal date each year, we'll send you a reminder that your auto-renew is coming up. If you want to cancel, there will be a box to check. If you want to auto-renew, there is no need to do anything.

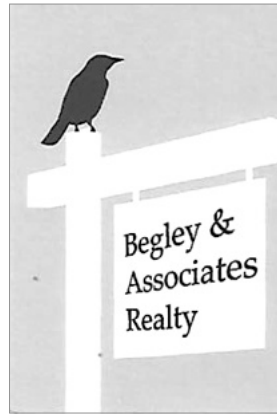
If you still want to hand-write checks and send them in by mail, we will still be more than happy to accommodate you.

New IT systems

This year we have been implementing new information management systems to allow us to track memberships, events, volunteer opportunities and other information. We hope this enables better communication with you on a timely and as-needed basis. The online membership, for those who want to choose that option, is a big part of that.

As always, please check your inbox for our eNewsletter with timely information; visit our website at flamingopark.org and follow us on socials @flamingoparkneighborhood (Facebook) and @flamingoparkwpb (Instagram) for more.

— Rick Reikenis



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- ☐ Events/tours
- Environmental:**
 - ☐ Cleanups
 - ☐ Plantings

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- ☐ \$ _____ extra for tax-deductible donation

FPNA operates primarily on membership funds and events income.

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Datebook

November

Tuesday, Nov. 3 — Election Day
 Tuesday, Nov. 10 — Board meeting
 Wednesday, Nov. 11 — Veterans Day
 Friday, Nov. 20 — Social hour, Page 2
 Thursday, Nov. 26 — Thanksgiving Day

December

Sunday, Dec. 6 — Home Tour, Page 1
 Tuesday, Dec. 8 — Board meeting
 Friday, Dec. 25 — Christmas Day
 Thursday, Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve
 Friday, Jan. 1 — New Year's Day

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