

# Garden Talk

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Newsletter items April 23, 2023

Anything turned in after that will be included in the next month's newsletter.

Please submit articles

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# Florence Gardens Board of Directors

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#### **Board Meetings**

April 12

10 AM

April 26

10 AM

#### Presidents Letter

With the access to social media today – Facebook, Twitter, etc – we have a lot of opportunities to share information. Social media

Communication is vital to a community such as ours. Posting meetings is handled in various ways here in Florence Gardens; posting on the bulletin boards, kiosks, email blasts, Saturday morning coffee.

When you purchased your home, you were provided copies of the governing documents of the association and signed off that you read them and would adhere and follow them.

In February, you elected new members to the Florence Gardens Board of Directors. You have entrusted them to make good and equitable decisions on behalf of the membership.

HOAMCO is the management company that the HOA board hired multiple years ago, they don't make rules or set any deadlines, they are carrying out directions provided to them from the board of directors.

The employees in the office are very knowledgeable and helpful – if you have questions about compliance, the rules or the CC&Rs – deadlines, etc. they have information available to answer you. Call, email or stop in – they are there to help.

We have many very useful and informative committees with volunteers who are working very hard to maintain and add new and better activities.

The Building Operations Committee was just reestablished and is now diligently working to get some of the most important issues addressed (the pool, annex flooring, security system, and more). Their next step will be looking to the future with plans, ideas for expanding and improving our amenities. Expanding amenities cost money and require update to the Reserve Study if something new is approved, additional lines items to the budget and potential for increase assessments if required to offset the costs of adding anything.

Please plan to attend some of these committee meetings to see and hear about what they are working on. Committee meetings are open to all owners and encourage owners to attend and become a committee member.

Finally, Spring is happening – it's getting warmer and the desert is in full bloom. We're all busy planning our summer – some of our friends have already left. To you, safe travels and have fun.

Cherylle Arends, President, FGMHA Board of Directors

**BE KIND** 

HAPPY EASTER

#### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MANAGER

Happy Spring! March was a busy month; we are moving into April providing a few friendly reminders to everyone. Please remember to turn in your reservations forms for the upcoming season to reserve the space for any activity.

A huge Thank You to Barbara Larsen for all of the time you have devoted to volunteering for the Blood Drive in Florence Gardens!

Florence Gardens committee for Gardening and Landscaping have completed their brochure and it turned out remarkable. The office has hard copies of these brochures available if you wish to have one, the information was also sent via email blast in March. If you prefer a PDF copy please contact the office it will be sent to you via email.

I attended numerous committee meetings in March, all the committees are working extremely hard to improve Florence Gardens an even much better community. Thank you to all of the Florence Garden committee members for volunteering your time and serving on a committee—(Activities, Annual Meeting, Architectural, Building Operations Committee, Decorating Committee, Documents Committee, Election Committee, Finance Committee, Gardening & Landscaping Committee, History Committee, Nominating Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Welcoming Committee, Ad-Hoc Phonebook Committee, and the White Elephant Committee).

Thank you to the Bingo and Library volunteers for your dedication and time to Florence Gardens, it is very much appreciated.

Maintenance is scheduled for April addressing issues in the pool restrooms, we appreciate your patience as they may be required to be closed from time to time. Email blasts will be sent out to the community.

It is that time of year the meals will be coming to an end, we would like to Thank Bobbie for providing delicious meals to the community.

The puzzles in the annex will be removed on April 13, 2023, in preparation for the annex flooring being replaced. Management will post dates of the closure while the work is being completed.

With the hotter weather soon to be upon our area, please be cautious and look out for snakes. The Fire Department can be contacted (520-868-7609) they will remove them offsite. Please watch for any suspicious activity in the community and if spotted call the police (520-868-7681). Reminder solicitors are not to be in the community as soliciting is not allowed in Florence Gardens. If you see solicitors or they come to your door please call the police and report it. It requires all of us to work together to keep our neighbors and community safe, reminder to keep your doors locked, check on your neighbors.

Unfortunately, a homeowner recently received a dog bite in the common area of the community, please remember pets must be on a leash outside of your property. Also, please remember to clean up after your pets.

Thank you to Juanita and David for working extra hard due to staff shortage.



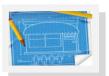
#### **Activities Committee**

April 11, 2023 @ 9:30 am In the Clubhouse



## Architectural Committee

April 3, 2023 @ 8:45 am April 10, 2023 @ 8:45 am April 17, 2023 @ 8:45 am April 24, 2023 @ 8:45 am In the Conference Room



## Building Operations Committee

April 11, 2023 @ 9:30 am In the Conference Room





## Florence Gardens COMMITTEES

All members are invited to attend

#### **Decorating Committee**

April 10, 2023 @ 10:00 am In the Conference Room



#### **Documents Committee**

April 5, 2023 9-11 am April 12, 2023 9-9:45 am April 19, 2023 9-11 am April 26, 2023 9-9:45 am In the Conference Room

The two meetings prior to regularly scheduled Board Meetings may be canceled.

All FGMHA Members are welcome

#### **Finance Committee**

April 24, 2023 @ 11:00 am In the Conference Room



## Gardening & Landscaping Committee

April 7, 2023 @ 1-3pm In the Annex





#### **Welcoming Committee**

April 7, 2023 @ 9:00 to 10:00am In the Conference Room All FGMHA members are welcome and urged to attend.



## Florence Gardens April 2023 Menu

April 5<sup>th</sup> --- Roasted Turkey Breast with Gravy, Rosemary Roasted Potatoes, Candied Carrots, Salad, Dinner Rolls, Lemon Pound Cake

\$10.00

April 12<sup>th</sup>---Lasagna, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Salad, Garlic Bread, Cannoli

\$10.00

April 14<sup>th</sup> ---Lunch 11:00-1:00 Loaded Baked Potato Soup, Chicken Salad on Croissant, Side Salad, assorted Desserts

\$8.00

April 19<sup>th</sup> --- Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn on the Cob, Texas Toast, Banana Pudding

\$10.00

April 22<sup>nd</sup>--- Breakfast 8:00 am- 10:00 am Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links,
Pancakes, Coffee and Juice

\$8.00

April 26<sup>th</sup> --- End of Season Dinner --- BBQ Pork Ribs, Bacon Roasted Potatoes,
Pinto Beans, Parmesan Romaine Salad, Cornbread, Apple pie

\$10.00

The Five Parks Singers will perform before the dinner on Wednesday April 26th during Happy
Hour 4:30pm to 5pm

Happy Hour begins at 4:00 pm

**BYOB Rules apply** 

Dinner begins at 5:00 pm

#### **Building Operations Committee Updates**

The BOC has been meeting since the first of March. In that time we have successfully contracted with a leak detection company to be on site April 12, 2023 to locate the leak that is between the pump/ lap pool/ and spa. Upon locating the leak, we can move forward to make the repair needed.

We have team members working with Commercial Flooring Contractors getting estimates on flooring for the kitchen and annex. We will be presenting those bids to the Board for consideration to move forward with the replacement of flooring.

We also have had team members working and gathering information from Security System Contractors. At this time we are reviewing the information to put together an invitation to bid for those contractors. This will help us compare Apples to Apples as they say. So that all contractors are on the same page with us as to what our needs are for an updated security system and card readers.

The next meeting for the BOC will be April 11th, 2023, 9:30 am in the conference room. This meeting will also be open for zoom participants.

Thank you

Ginny Kriigel, BOC Chair

#### Message from the Decorating Committee

The Committee is looking for donations for all holiday decorations. (Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Patriotic, Halloween, Christmas, New Years, etc.) We had our first meeting in March and have a great plan in the works for all the future holidays. We will also be needing volunteers when the time comes to help with putting up the decorations. If you would like to help and are interested, please come to the office and fill out a form.

Thank you,

**Decorating Committee** 

#### Material Girls April 2023

The Quilters are winded down after having another successful season.

We had a wonderful kick-off" Show and Tell" in January thanks to Raeleen Lohse and Deb Karsnia.

Special thanks go to Judy Bolander for teaching the beginners class in January and February.

Also, a very special thanks goes out to Billie Harnden for taking charge of the Quilt/Craft show when Alvina got sick.

Our planning committee is busy looking forward to our 23/24 schedule.

We have three classes already scheduled and plan another Mystery Quilt and regular Quilt Class. We are looking for quilt instructions which include wall hanging, twin, queen and king sizes so our Quilters are able to make the size they want.

We also plan to have a Show and Tell in January 2024 which will include an example of each project scheduled.

During our 23/24 season the quilting schedule will be as follows: Wednesday a.m. will be designated for finishing projects, completing UFOs and working on your own projects. Thursday a.m. and Friday all day will be used for scheduled classes.

Some Thurs and Fri days will also be open for working on your own projects. A schedule will be posted in the Quilt/Craft room on the Quilters bulletin board.

We have an Email list of quilters. If you would like to be on our Email list, please contact Alvina or Deb Karsnia 651-216-8606 or 218-770-0212.

Enjoy your summer. See you all in the fall.



We are currently setting appointments on April 3rd, 2023. Stop by or call the office today to set up an appointment to have your picture to be taken for the New Florence Gardens Phone Directory.

More dates to be announced. Thank you Tim Lee for volunteering to do this!

Ice Cream Social and Entertainment!

\$5.00 a Sundae

April 11th, 2023

6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Florence Garden Clubhouse

Join Us for Ice Cream Sundaes and Entertainment By

George Hickman!!

Menu for Sundaes:



Hot Fudge Strawberry Caramel



## UPCOMING Movies!!! Tuesday Movie Night!

#### April 25th

From <u>6 to 8 PM</u> at Florence Gardens Clubhouse



March's movie, Cocoon, The Return (1988).

Directed by Ron Howard and stars Don Ameche, Wilford Brimley, Hume Cronyn, Brian Dennehy, Jack Gilford, Steve Guttenberg, Maureen Stapleton, Jessica Tandy, Gwen Verdon, Herta Ware, Tahnee Welch, and Linda Harrison,

A group of aliens from the planet Antarea, return to earth to retrieve cocoons containing the 20 Altareans that had been left behind when their outpost on the island of Atlantis, sank. These cocoons had been resting at the bottom of the ocean until a group of Altareans return to collect them. Disguised as humans, they retrieve and store these recovered cocoons in the swimming pool of a house they have rented in a small Florida town. Their mission is hampered by a group of elderly people from a nearby retirement community who had been secretly using the pool and have discovered the unusual "life force" powers in the water.

The movie is free.

Sodas, candy and popcorn will be available for a small charge BYOB and any other snacks you might want. (BYOB rules apply). Also, feel free to bring a camp chair to sit in, or pillows to make the club house chairs a little more comfortable.

Please join us.

Call Susan (503-710-8371) or Jerry Weaver (503-710-7634) if you have any questions.



Welcome Spring Cookout and Share a Dish

Florence Gardens Clubhouse and Patio Area
Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

You can buy a Burger and Hot Dog plate for \$5.00

Bring a side dish to share with others

**BYOB Rules and Regulations Apply** 

#### **UPDATE Summary of "How Many Years Have You Lived in Florence Gardens"**

If any of you wondered about the results of this request for info from the Annual Meeting Committee, this should answer your questions. We did talk about this at the February 14 Annual Meeting but wanted to update those of you who were not able to attend. We had 31 responses to the questionnaire: 7 from the 1980s, 9 from the 1990s, 6 from the 2000s, 1 from 2001, 1 from 2003, 1 from 2007, 2 from 2017, 2 from 2020, 1 from 2021 and 1 from 2022.

The reasons for moving here were multiple with several people having started in Caliente or Vista Hermosa and needed more space. The other reasons included weather, lifestyle, outdoor activities and being able to own their own property.

1980's (7) Barbara Newman 1980; Gary & Claryce Burt 1981; Millie Sanderson 1983;

Alice Dyer 1983; Audrey Belter 1984; Agnes Eeg 1986; Barb Morton 1988

1990's (9) Beverly Oveson 1993; Elaine Walker 1994 and 1996;

Gary & Carol Stowe 1995; Myron & Marlene Bertrang 1996;

Vernita Watkins 1997; Marian Larson 1997; Dixie Kabrick 1998

Jerry & Jean Borstad 1998 & 2021; Shirley Hadley 1999

<u>2000's</u> (6) Herb & Marilyn Lange; Shauna Decker-Ullman; Brigitte Robinson; Ron & JoAnn Trom; Sherry Hermann; Patrick & Mary Joe McElroy

2001-2017 (5) Bernadine Fox 2001; Dawn Johnson 2003; Donna Pete 2007

Ron & Margo Sievers 2017; Debbie K. 2017

2020-2022 (4) Kathleen Tracy 2020 & 2021; Mike & Ginny Kriigel 2020;

Randy & Carol Campbell 2021; Leo & Jayne Vargas 2022

Then we had the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> generation residents comments: I will not go into detail on these but if you know the individuals and do not realize their story, it could be a good conversation starter. I will provide you with your neighbors' names and you could have a lively discussion later.

2<sup>nd</sup> Generation: Marian Larson; Jerry and Jean Borstad; Patrick & Mary Joe McElroy; Kathleen Tracy; and Mike & Ginny Kriigel

For the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation stories spend some time with Gary and Claryce Burt and Millie Sanderson.

Thank you all for your participation. I know several other 2<sup>nd</sup> generation neighbors who did not respond to the questionnaire. Many of them have that designation on their name tags.

Again, thank you for your response and sharing your Florence Gardens experiences with the rest of your neighbors and friends. Some of the best reading I have had in "many a moon"!!

Judy Parsons, Chair 2023 Annual Meeting Committee

#### **Palm Trees**

The radical "Hurricane Cut" used by some trimmers on tall California and Mexican palm trees is really not healthy for these palms. In addition, it is quite unattractive and detracts from palm tree natural appearance.

We are suggesting a less drastic trim be used for the palms which leaves the crown of the tree more protected during hottest part of summer. We are asking that a 10-2 (think clock) cut be done this year on trees in FG.

If these tall palms are trimmed once yearly, it will give a more pleasing look to our community and prolong the life of these tall palms. To our knowledge, we haven't had a recent hurricane in AZ so let us have Palm trees that look like well maintained Palm trees with yearly trimming.

Sincerely,

CJ and Barbara Larsen

3812 N. Wisconsin Ave

918-272-2965

Homeowners need to make pre-payment for July Palm tree trimming before you leave for summer and no later than May 1, 2023. Thank you!

## Rock Club



As the 2022-23 season draws to a close, Rock Club members look back on a fun, productive year.

A bunch of new members joined the club this year and many more women are honing their Lapidary skills and utilizing the saws and equipment for projects. Thirty members joined in a group order of T-shirts reading, "WAIT-I See A Rock!" Enthusiastic Rock Club and Rock Star members created many varied items that were displayed in March at the Florence Gardens Quilt & Art Show.

Field trips included hunts for Chrysocolla, Apache Tears, Serpentine, Honey Calcite and Onyx. A planned Jasper trip was delayed due to flood advisory but may still happen this year. Monthly meetings were treated to an interesting power point series presented by Kevin Tucker, focusing on the three main categories of rocks. Next season will offer a series of Educational Activities with workshops teaching various features of local geology, to be taught by Hank LaBore.

The final Rock Club meeting of this season will be Tuesday April 4, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Kevin Tucker will speak on Metamorphic rocks.

The Rock Club will hold a late March party funded by membership fees.

DON'T TAKE OUR CLUB FOR GRANITE!

Rock On!

#### Volunteer of the Month

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a member of our community that steps up whenever needed, from helping set up for happy hour, our weekly dinners, a member on our activities, decorating, also a new member on our board of directors. We appreciate your time and eagerness to help and always with a smile. Thank you, David Neese.

Submitted by Linda Rimmer



FOR VOLUNTEERING

Think You May Have an Alcohol Problem? AA May Be Your Answer. Only Requirement for Membership Is a Desire to Stop Drinking. Newcomers and "Old-Timers" Welcome. Meetings Are Monday Mornings from 11:00AM to 12:00 Noon, Florence Gardens Clubhouse Annex, Hobby Craft Room, Seasonal October 17, 2022 TO April 17, 2023.

#### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The old men of Neighbors Helping Neighbors are still in business. Some new volunteers have arrived, and we hope to be providing service to the park for the foreseeable future. What we do is show up and perform unskilled assistance to neighbors who need to move a piece of furniture. We are not bonded, insured, certified, or compensated – but are happy to help, within the scope of our abilities. This said, we're not the crew you want if you're showing up with a moving van, or want to deal with something exceedingly heavy like a piano or large sleeper couch. If you have a big job that requires professional help, we recommend you take a look at Craig's List. Anyone looking for help is invited to call Mike Shevock at (603) 531-3320. Hopefully, your job doesn't have to be done immediately, as we need to schedule it when enough of us are not at the doctor's office or physical therapy. Also, in spite of numerous inquiries and requests, we have no plans of coming out with a Chippendale's style calendar with beefcake pictures of our star lifters. Should this change, there will be an announcement in the Garden Talk.



Coffee & Donuts before the Board Meeting

April 12, 2023 @ 9:30 AM



If you need ice after office hours, please call

Buck at (425) 583-0741

He's available from Monday through Friday from 4-7pm & weekends until 7pm.





### WANTED: BINGO PLAYERS

**WHEN: FRIDAY NIGHTS** 

WHERE: FLORENCE GARDENS
CLUBHOUSE

CARD SALES START AT 6:00 PM AND END AT 6:55 PM. GAMES BEGIN AT 7:00 PM.

MUST BE 18 OR OVER TO PLAY AND NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED.

PLEASE .... NO BILLS OVER \$10.00.





MONDAYS In the CLUB HOUSE from 4 PM to 6
PM

We are allowed to bring snacks to share.

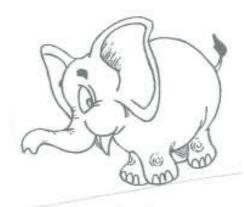
REMEMBER – BYOB rules continue to apply.

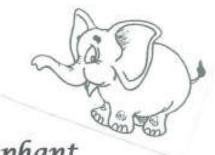
For more information contact Mike Fenton 507-279-8443

## Memories at Florence Gardens









White Elephant

Reminder, we are collecting items for the Florence Gardens
White Elephant Sale all year around!

We can store more items if they are packed in boxes with folding top or in totes, though we know this is not always possible.

Please label the box "Fragile" if it applies. Please label boxes that have Christmas and Thanksgiving items in them.

Sorry, but we cannot take mattresses, box springs, hide a beds, clothes, shoes, large appliances, TV or their components. Furniture must be in decent condition. Everything that is electrical must be in working order. It is a HUGE help and appreciated if the Sizes are marked on the bedding, table clothes and curtains.

If your furniture is not in decent condition, you can schedule for Bulk Trash Pickup for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.

www.florenceaz.gov/bulktrash

We are very appreciative for all of your donations and help.

To have your donations put in storage call:
Sue Oslowski 520-307-0539 or Lew Dawley 425-328-8090
Bill Kohlerman 541-761-0256

NEEDED: Volunteers to help occasionally pick up and put the donations in Storage.



#### Pickleball

Pickleball continues to be a popular sport in our parks as well as over the country. My hometown that I will be leaving Florence for soon, now has added two more courts for people to play on over the winter months. There are also Pickleball courts in the town of Florence where anyone can play but how much more convenient to be able to play here at Florence Gardens. We still welcome new people to come play and there will be players that will make time to teach you the game and the scoring. There is a Bulletin board on the fence that will give you information and you may sign up for times to play. The first two hours are open play, meaning anyone can show up and play. You may also talk to anyone at the court for more information or contact me, Maureen Baier Ph. 319 230 5898 or email maureenbaier@yahoo.com



As our riding year is coming to a close it has ended with three events this past week. There will be only an April meeting left. Our first event was the Lady's Ride with 11 machines and 26 ladies, 6 of which had never done anything like it before and were amazed. There are a lot of flowers this year, great weather and hot dogs on a campfire. This was organized by Jan Quade and Sue Wearmouth. The Next event was the Desert Cleanup where they loaded two trailers of trash. This wasn't as much as previous years because the rancher and Arizona Game and Fish have fenced off a large area where the shooters and campers have left so much trash. This was still worth doing since this helps to keep the trails open for us as we partner with the rancher. Thank you to Rich Johnson and John Kurtz. The last event was the Desert Cookout which had 59 people attend. It was in the desert hosted by Terry and Sandi Czichotzki with a lot of help from many of their good friends. The evening was beautiful with a full moon that turned the mountains red. It was a warm evening with the Coyotes singing to them. Next year will have these activities again and also add a Veteran's ride. We are hoping to have even more attend. Thank you to the guys who lead us on Mondays and Thursdays, Richard Johnston, Rich Almond and Jerry Bush. We meet at 9:00 a.m. at the south end from the mailboxes at the parking lot in Caliente at 9:00 a.m. All riders are welcome to join us. Our April meeting is Tuesday, April 4th It will be at the Florence Garden's Club House. It is a potluck and you bring your own table service, serving utensil and drinks. It is Happy Hour at 4:00, meeting about 4:45 and eat at 5:00.

Maureen Baier Ph. 319 230 5898 e-mail maureenbaier@yahoo.com

#### **Creative Crafts April '23**

We are sad this is the end of our crafting season. We have created many pieces we are very proud of and look forward to new crafts next year.

We would like to thank the coordinators of the Quilt and Craft Fair. There were such beautiful pieces from so many different art medians. Florence Gardens has so many talented people among us. We had many people stop by to see our work. Most were very surprised at what we beginners were able to achieve.

I would like to thank each crafter who crafted with us this year. I would especially like to thank those who were so helpful cleaning up after class and helping me set up. You are all appreciated so much.

Have a wonderful summer and consider joining us next season.

Rossann Sodon

253.370.8502

#### KNITTING, CROCHET, AND EMBROIDERY

The knitting group is meeting every Thursday afternoon from 12:30 to 3:00 and we would love to have you join us. We are not limited to knitting; any hand work can be done. We enjoy showing off our work and lively conversation. We are not a structured group and we do not teach classes. But we are friendly and willing to help you through a difficult portion of your project. New friends are always welcome.

Kris Williams

406-660-1261



#### Ceramic, Clay, Glass and Craft Class

First Class is February 2nd from 9A.M. to 12:00P.M.

in the Ceramic Studio

First class will be discussing what everyone would like to do.

Dianna Kohlerman (541)660-2807

#### Friends Meeting New Friends

Our last meeting of the season will be April 1st at 4PM in the annex, Please bring a snack to share, plate and beverage.

On April 8th there is an Easter Boogie Skydiving event in Eloy. We will discuss at the April meeting to see if there is an interest.

If you would like information in the meantime, you may call Roger or Bobbie.

Everyone have a wonderful summer. See you in the fall.

Roger and Bobbie Schmisek 520-709-2527 Nancy Matthes 520-868-1898 Myron and Marlene Bertrang 507-665-2616

#### **Gardening Tips**

Gardening Tips to Educate, Encourage and Inspire

Easter Lily Cactus - Echinopsis hybrid. Flowers are white, pink or yellow and last only a day or two. They bloom around Easter, as their name implies. Generally easy to grow and hardy to twenty degrees Farhenheit. Plant in well-draining soil in full sun or partial shade. Requires minimal water in summer.

Vegetable gardening - If interested in sharing her garden, contact Cathy Evans 520-909-8426.

Weeds - Are you leaving for the summer? Have a plan to control weeds while gone.

Moments of Generosity - Heartfelt thanks to Judith Johnston for leading this committee through our first year! Best wishes as you transition back to living in Pennsylvania. We will miss your genuine passion for nature.

Next committee meeting - Friday 4/7, 1-3 in the Annex.

Tamara Gebhardt 612-275-2317





Bible Study—Acts Part II (you don't need part I to join)

Friday 9-11am Starting March 3 for 8 weeks

3610 N Michigan St—Florence Gardens

Contact Sue Rekart for more information trakers3@vahoo.com

Or call 540-998-9282



6:30pm to 9pm in the Annex 2nd Saturdays November to Mid April Questions: Linda (218)838-8791



## Thursdays at 12:45pm PM in the Annex

Have Questions? Please call Sandy Burrow: 480-688-6732 Nancy Stanton: 206-979-7175 Or Dana Jefferson: 520-631-0208

#### 500 PLAYERS



500 card games will be
On Sunday evenings at 6:30
At the Annex

Please call Al or Linda Dallman at 715-267-6521 (and leave a voicemail) if you wish to brush up on your game.

We hope to see you there!



7pm
In the Annex
For questions
Call Pam
@
(520)431-

#### Florence Gardens BUNCO

Join us for BUNCO!
1st Monday of Every Month
Be there at 6:15pm,
play time starts at 6:30pm
Cost is \$6.00
Cash prizes!
Location is FG Clubhouse

Location is FG Clubhouse If you would like to join us, call Gaye Lewis 480-993-8757



#### **DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

Starting Thursday Jan 12<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30 In the Florence Gardens Annex

If interested, have questions or in need of a partner:

Call Becky 515 421-6844 or

Call Kate 612 802-0008

Pegs & Jokers

Tues. @ 1pm at the Annex

Questions call
Diane Clein

206-427-1262

Cost \$0.50





"65" Card Game

Saturdays @ 6:30pm to 9:00pm

In the FG Annex

For more info contact Vera Schell (520)483-3172



Game "65"

Wednesdays 1pm to 3:30pm In the Annex

Have Questions? Please call Nancy Stanton: 206-979-7175 Or Dana Jefferson: 520-631-0208



Come and join us,
Thursday Nights at 6:30 PM
in the Annex to play
Wizard. This is a card game
that is easy to learn.

**Cost is \$.50** 

## Everyone Is Welcome!

Contact Carol Byars @ 701-367-0572 for more info.



#### TAI CHI

8:30 am—9:30 am at the Annex.

Monday—Wednesday— Thursday

Call Jean 520-841-1452 for more information.



#### <u>Shanghai</u>

Florence Gardens Annex

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 6:30 pm—9:00 pm Year Round Event Bring your quarters For more information contact Donna Pete @ (253) 861-5658



## Everyone Welcome!

WHEN: Monday - Friday

TIME: 7:30-8:00 AM

WHERE: Annex

For more information, contact Carol Byars @ 701-367-0572



## WATER AEROBICS

Come Join us!

Men and Women Welcome

Water Aerobics using Billie Jo's

"Wet and Wonderful" CD

When: M/T/Th/F

Time: 10am to 11am

Where: Lap Pool

For more information contact

Nancy Stanton @ (206)979-7175

## WATER EXERCISE

USING BARS AND WATER
WEIGHTS

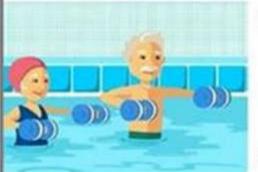
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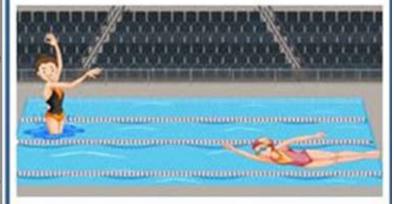
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#### Churches In The Area

#### Central Community Church of God

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Sunday Service 10:00 am

Wednesday Service 7:00 pm

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#### **Spirit of Joy United Methodist Church**

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Pastor Tracy Perry Sunday Services 9:30 am

#### First Southern Baptist Church of Florence

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=	SOLD	3808 N MONTANA AVE.	\$239,000	Furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 2 large sheds & beautiful back Pergola area to entertain!
=	REDUCED	811 N PENNSYLVANIA	\$272,900	Golf Course lot, 1681 sf home, fully furnished home. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths plus office in laundry room, Screened in porch in back.
	REDUCED	3600 N COLORADO AVE	\$224,900	Beautiful remodel, gorgeous kitchen, granite counters, new cabinets, AZ room, huge shop, observation deck!
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	NEW LISTING	3612 N KANSAS AVE	\$224,900	Beautiful remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath home, partially furnished, new AC/furnace, plumbing, new kitchen, fenced yard!
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PREP TIME 15 minutes
COOK TIME 18 minutes
THAWING TIME 18 minutes
TOTAL TIME 1 hr 8 mins



#### INGREDIENTS

2 sheets of puff pastry dough

1 egg

8 oz cream cheese

1 tsp vanilla

2 tbsp granulated sugar

2 cups mixed berries such a blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries

1 tbsp powdered sugar

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Remove puff pastry dough from the freezer and thaw at room temperature for 45 minutes.
- Beat one egg and 1 tablespoon of water in a small bowl to create an egg wash. Set aside.
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Set aside.
- Once the puff pastry dough is thawed, unfold and lay it out. Cut each sheet of dough into 4 even squares.
- 5. To shape the dough, dab each corner of each square with water. Next, take each corner of the puff pastry square and fold it towards the center of the square. Press down each corner so it is well intact. Transfer the squares onto the prepared baking sheet. Leave 2 inches between each square.

- Using a fork, poke a few holes in the center or each square. Brush the edges of the squares with the egg wash. Bake for 18-20 minutes until edges are golden and flaky.
- 7. While puff pastry squares are baking, make the cream cheese filling. Beat cream cheese, vanilla extract, and sugar with a mixer in a medium bowl for 2 minutes until softened until all ingredients are well incorporated. Scrape the sides of bowl as needed and beat again. Set aside.
- Once puff pastry squares are finished baking, remove from oven and let rest for 5 minutes.
- 9. Place a large, heaping tablespoon of cream cheese filling in the center of each puff pastry square. Spread the filling using the back of the tablespoon so it is evened out. Leave only about 1/2 inch on the edges of the puff pastry bare. Assemble a mixture of berries over the cream cheese filling. Dust with powdered sugar and serve.



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9 Happy Easter!!	10	11 Ice Cream Sundae Social w/DJ George Hickman 6-8pm CH	12 FG Lasagna Din- ner 5pm \$10	13	14 FG Loaded Baked Potato Soup & Sand- wich Lunch 11am \$8 Bingo 7pm	15 Saturday Morning Coffee & Donuts 7am CH
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9	10 Arc Committee Meeting CR 8:45am Decorating Committee Meeting 10am	Activities Committee Mtg 9:30am CH BOC Committee Mtg 9:30am	12 Documents Comm Meeting 9-9:30am  Board Meeting 10am Clubhouse	13	14	15
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