

August 2023

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Deadline for submitting Newsletter items <u>August 23, 2023</u>

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

Please submit articles directly to the Office by flash drive or email to <u>info@fgmha.org</u>

Garden Whisper

Florence Gardens Mobile Home Association

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<u>No meeting in</u> <u>August</u>

Presidents Letter

Whew!! Arizona is breaking heat records this summer and so far, rain in our area is really lacking. The humidity has risen and there are some forecasts that maybe the monsoons will soon make an appearance.

Normal weekly activities have continued – the 4th of July (on the 5th) Share a Dish with a sing-along provided by the Five Park Singers was well attended. Everyone was really decked out in their patriotic colors and there was a huge amount of food to choose from. A good time was had by all.

A well-attended meeting was held with the Police Department to address concerns and issues in Florence Gardens. There were some new town rules and state statutes that were brought to our attention. And there were comments asking why this was happening in the summer. As was mentioned by Yasmin's Manager Report in the June Garden Whisper, "based on our recent HOPA affidavits sent out and returned, we have learned that **half** of our members stay in Florence for the summer and half go back home to cooler weather". There are plans to continue this type of meeting on a year-round basis.

Another issue that continues to come up at Board meetings is lawsuits that Florence Gardens is and has been involved in. I would refer you back to my March letter in the Garden Talk that presented facts pertaining to insurance and attorney costs due to lawsuits.

1. The insurance premium in 2019 = \$31,674, in 2020 = \$38,859, in 2021 = \$41,234, and in 2022 = 49,934. The insurance premium has increased significantly throughout the years. One of the major changes that took place in 2022 was the Association lost the umbrella for the D & O coverage and any claim will cost a deductible of \$10,000 per claim. 2. Legal fees paid in 2021 = \$14,223.37, in 2022 = \$17,411.19. and so far as of 06/30/2023 = \$16,095.37. Legal fees incur for either two reasons one: a homeowner needs to be sent a cease and desist for violation of the CC&Rs or two: a legal opinion and/or correspondence from our attorney is needed either due to clarification or letters from owners harassing and threatening to sue the Association.

3. We are currently working on putting together a detailed report on lawsuits that go back farther than 2018. In 2018 Florence Gardens was sued and the settlement by court order is sealed. In 2019 Florence Gardens was sued by Keith & Kathy Campbell and this is still an active lawsuit and we will post updates on it once our attorney gets us an update. In 2021 Florence Gardens was sued by Casita Hermosa and this lawsuit at this current time is stale.

Update to item 3 – we have not been able to find much to add prior to 2018. Studying what is available online from court records largely reveals Florence Gardens entering litigation against home owners for compliance or not paying assessments. There will be a Board workshop in September that we would like to invite everyone to attend. The agenda item will be possible future changes to CC&Rs and Bylaws. The exact date will be posted on the September Garden Talk. We penciled in the calendar on September 12, 2023 at 10 am and will confirm next month.

One final issue that I feel there is a need to address is events involving alcohol – our members are great at following BYOB rules as they are required under Arizona Statute. We need to continue this because if there is a violation, we will loæ those privileges without much hope of ever having anything in the future.

The application for a BYOB exemption (which deals with events held in Florence Gardens common areas) is very clearly spelled out as to hours and amounts of alcohol as well as who can attend. It is not a public event—it is for Florence Gardens members and their guests.

If you are planning such an event, you need to fill out an application with the office and it must be stated if alcohol will be involved. If you have more questions, please contact Yasmin.

I know this got rather long, but I want you to know we love your input, if you ever hear anything that doesn't come from us, and you have a question or would like clarification, please feel free to call me or email me. Our Board is working and trying their very hardest to be transparent and communicative to all our owners and keep you all informed! Thank you for your time and LET IT RAIN.

Cherylle Arends, Board President for FGMHA 402-843-6550 Cherylle.a@fgmha.org

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MANAGER

Where is the rain? As I write this I looked out of my office window and it is dark out, we will see if rain s up!

- shows up!
- We had the meeting with the Town of Florence Police and were made aware of a change that they will be enforcing here soon. The subject of street legal golf carts was one of the topics that was brought up at the meeting last Wednesday July 12th, with the Town of Florence Police Department. Here are some things to keep in mind to make sure your golf cart is street legal, and complies with Arizona laws.
- To make a golf cart street legal it does need to be registered as a low-speed vehicle with the Motor Vehicle Department. It also needs to have these specific equipment items:
 - -Horn

-Headlights (working)

-Taillights (working)

-Brake lights (working)

- There are also a few laws to keep in mind when out and about. A valid drivers license is needed as well as proof of registration and insurance. You cannot travel at a speed higher than 25 mph. You can only drive on roads with posted speed limits of 35 mph or less. Golf cart drivers must adhere to the same road rules and traffic laws as other drivers. If you have any questions, please contact the Town of Florence Police Department at (520) 868-7681. Commander Caldwell has informed us that there will be a 90 day education period where they will be giving out warnings to drivers who do not comply with these requirements.
- They also mentioned the Police Department has two programs within their department. One is the "See Something Say Something" is an on-going program of the Florence Police Department whereby its citizens get involved in reporting suspicions and criminal activity to police to help abate and quell criminal activity and look out for each other in the community. So, if you see something, SAY SOMETHING. Call 911 or the Florence Police Department non-emergency line (520) 868-7681
- The Florence Police Department also has a wonderful volunteer program geared for anyone of any age to volunteer their time and talent to help keep the Town of Florence safe. The Support Services Manager, Mirela Borsan and her assistant coordinator, Sergeant Cody Linderoth can provide any further information that is needed about the program. They can be reached at (520) 868-7681. Below is a link for information on the Town of Florence website, along with the link for the volunteer application.
 - https://www.florenceaz.gov/fpd-volunteer-application/
 - https://www.florenceaz.gov/police/volunteers/
- Please remember solicitors are not allowed here in Florence Gardens. If you see a solicitor or suspicious vehicle around the park, please try to get as much information as you can and please call the police.
- The Senior Center in Florence has a lock box program for emergency personnel to be able to access your home in case of an emergency and you are home alone causing no damage to your property to enter. Lock box sign-up/information is located at the Florence Senior Center. The applicant will be informed there on what to do. They can contact Tonya Jaquette at 520-868-7626 for further information.
- We will be scheduling another meeting with the Police Department in the winter and they were also invited to stop in at Saturday morning coffee meetings from time to time to say Hello to our members.
- I hope you all are having a wonderful summer, if you ever have any questions, comments, suggestions, or want to chat come in and see me, send me an email or give me a call.

Yasmin Rodriguez Association Manager 520-868-4770 yrodriguez@hoamco.com



Search "Florence Gardens Mobile Home Association" group!

Annual Meeting Committee

Happy August from the "hot" weather in Florence – July 21, 2023. By the time you get the August Garden Whisper, we hope to have had some rain!!!

This is a reminder that the Annual Meeting Committee is in need of two items:

1) Additional committee members

2) Ideas for the February 2024 meeting

To join the committee, you may get a membership form from the Clubhouse if you are here or from the FGMHA website — under Documents and Forms.

Please consider participating in this committee — It is fun and short term compared to several other committees.

If you have questions, you may contact me via email, text or phone.

Thank you for considering becoming a member of the 2024 Annual Meeting Committee.

Judy Parsons, Annual Meeting Committee Chair

judydennisp@gmail.com — phone: 520-975-4120



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.





520-975-4120 judydennisp@gmail.com

Volunteer of the Month

Tom Ogden

We would like to nominate Tom Ogden as FG volunteer of the month. Every Saturday morning, without fail, Tom gets up at the crack of dawn and drives to Safeway to pick up donuts for Saturday morning coffee. We want him to know how much we appreciate him! Thank you very much.

Nominated by the Saturday morning coffee crowd.



Florence CERT Program

The Florence CERT program is looking for volunteers from Florence Gardens to help out with their program. Email Mike Scherm for more information at florencecert@florenceaz.gov

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is an all-risk, all-hazard training.

In the CERT training, citizens learn to:

manage utilities and put out small fires,

treat the three medical killers by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock,

provide basic medical aid,

search for and rescue victims safely,

organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective,

and collect disaster intelligence to support first responder efforts.



<u>Committee Members Needed!!</u>

Calling all Florence Gardens Members:

We are needing members for the following committees.

Finance

Maintenance

You can come by the office for the Application for Committee Membership.

Help make a difference in your community.



Annex Display Case

We are currently letting our members display their artwork in our display case in the Annex. You will have two months to have your items up.

If you are interested in showing off your work just come by the office and we will help you show off your items.

There are two shelves of space available.



FLORENCE GARDENS

CRAFTS AND MORE SHOW

We are having our first show on October 21st. Sign up for tables begin July 3rd at the Florence Garden office. Table will be \$10.00 each. Hurry and get your table, only 25 tables available.

> Questions contact: Diana Kohlerman 541-660-2807 Susan Weaver 503-710-8371



Sunday Worship Service

Start your day with "Say the Word, Ruidoso" with John & Shirley Compton

John L. Compton, Chaplain 5429 W. Victory Way

Every Sunday 9am to 10am Beginning May 7 thru October 29 Florence Gardens Clubhouse



Five Parks Travel Club is currently booking cabins for 2 cruises! The 1st is the Carnival Spirit-a 7-day cruise to Alaska leaving Seattle on July 16, 2024. The 2nd cruise is on Norwegian Cruise Line's Pearl-a 14-day cruise to the Caribbean leaving Miami on January 3, 2025. If you are single, try to find a roommate to split the costs, or we can try to find a roommate for you. There are 22 people already signed up for Alaska, & we have 15 booked on the Pearl. We will be having meetings to discuss prices, excursions, shuttles, hotels...Next meeting is 8/29—6:00-8:00 @ the Florence Gardens clubhouse. Call Ronda Varner—425-280-5474 for more information.



*** WEATHER WATCH: Event may be cancelled due to extreme summer heat or monsoon warnings. Call for recorded message

Florence Gardens

Improvements

The Gardens Café sign in the Clubhouse

Before

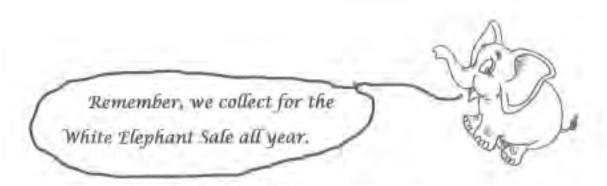






Annex building improvements





Please label the box "Fragile" if it applies. 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's or their components. Everything electrical must be in working condition. Furniture must be in decent condition. It is a HUGE help and appreciated if the Sizes are marked on the bedding, table clothes and curtains.

<u>Reminder</u> 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.

If your furniture is not in decent condition, you can schedule Bulk Trash Pickup for the 2st Monday of each month. www.florenceaz.gov/fulktrash

We are very appreciative for all your donations and help.

To have your donations put in storage call:

Sue Oslowski 520-307-0539 or Lew Dawley 425-328-8090

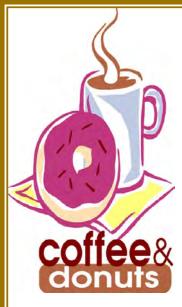
Bill Kohlerman 541-761-0256

WANTED and NEEDED

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

We need some younger helpers.

(Helps if you have access to a truck or trailer or just work with someone that does.)



Coffee and Donuts before Board meeting canceled for August Join us for Share A Dish Wednesdays in the Clubhouse All Summer 4pm to 6pm





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.

FLORENCE GARDENS SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE AND DONUTS



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.

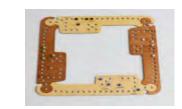
For more information contact Mike Fenton 507-279-8443

We start at 7:00 am with announcements at 8:00 am.



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



Pegs & Jokers Tues. @ 1pm at the Annex Questions call Diane Clein 206-427-1262



Buck and a Half Saturdays @ 6:30pm to 9:00pm

In the FG Annex

For more info contact Vera Schell (520)483-3172 or Donna Pete (253) 867-5658

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 If you would like to join us, call Gaye Lewis 480-993-8757



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.



<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



WHEN: Mon - Fri TIME: 8:30 AM (Summer) 9:00 AM (Winter)

WHERE: Big Pool

Please Join Us!





WATER AEROBICS

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

Marybeth Uran @ (715)222-9713

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Florence Gardens Main Pool

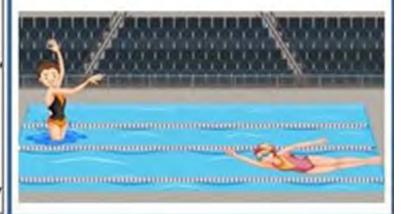
8:00am - 9:00am

Year Round Event

For more information

Contact

Donna Pete @ (253)861-5658



Churches In The Area

Central Community Church of God

596 W Vah Ki Inn Rd. Coolidge

Pastor Larry Rice

Sunday Service 10:00 am

Wednesday Service 7:00 pm

Florence First Assembly of God

South of the "Y", Florence 868-4221

Rev. Steve Williams

Sunday School 9:30 am / Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Evening Worship 6:30 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm

Calvary Chapel Coolidge

1920 W. Vah Ki Inn Rd., Coolidge , AZ 85132

Pastor Brad Jensen

Sunday Service 9:30 am

Prayer—Sundays @ 9:00 am

www.calvarycoolidgechurch.com

Union Baptist Church

640 E. 1st St. (at Phoenix St.),

Florence (also PO Box 2865) 868-4772

Pastor Donald Woolridge, 520-560-9159

Sunday School 10:30 am

Sunday Service 11:00 am

Florence Baptist Church

30 N. Willow, Florence 868-1728

Pastor Matthew & Edie Echols

Sunday School 9:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

Sunday Evening Worship and Praise 6:00 pm

Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study 6:00 pm

www.florencebaptistchurch.com

Desert Hope Presbyterian Church

225 E Butte Ave., Florence 868-5834

Rev. John Johnson

Worship Services 10:00 am

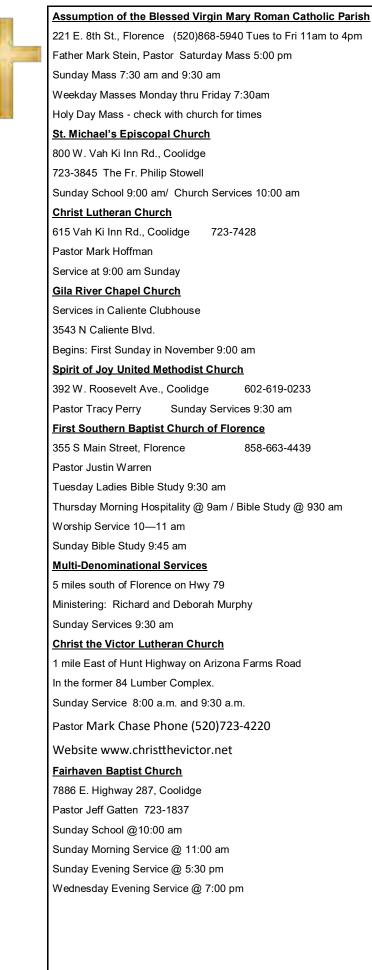
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(1st building just s	outh of the Florence	e High School					
Bishop: Preston Dees							
First Counselor: Ben Cook 480-202-2180							
Second Counselor: Cody Carpenter 520-251-1551							
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11.30 am

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Rating - FIVE STARS

"Mike was exceptional throughout the entire process of selling our place. He kept us up to date on everything. It was such a pleasure working with someone with his knowledge and experience. He guided us through all the forms and paperwork. We are so grateful to him for everything!" David & Carol Dineen 219 E Palo Verde Sale

Rating - FIVE STARS

"This is not the first time that I have had this couple as my realtors and both times I was not disappointed. They have my business for the rest of my life" *Timothy & Kimberly Smoke (Sellers 909 E California Bhd)*

Rating - FIVE STARS

"Mike is the best! He went above and beyond to meet our needs! We truly appreciated it!" Steven & Roxann Soine (Buyers-207 & 209 E Gila.Dr.)







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214 E Saguaro 3919 N Lancaster Circle 3600 N North Dakota - Land Only 3818 N Indiana (2 Lots) - Land Only

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\$35,000	\$3,500	\$17,500	\$7,000	\$100,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$240
\$45,000	\$4,500	\$22,500	\$9,000	\$100,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$272
\$55,000	\$5,500	\$27,500	\$11,000	\$100,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$303
\$65,000	\$6,500	\$32,500	\$13,000	\$100,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$337
\$75,000	\$7,500	\$37,500	\$15,000	\$100,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$364
\$85,000	\$8,500	\$42,500	\$17,000	\$100,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$390
\$95,000	\$9,500	\$47,500	\$19,000	\$100,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$425

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Blackberry Cobbler

Blackberry Cobbler is the perfect easy dessert. Delicious all year long, this great recipe will make you feel like you are enjoying a wonderful summer afternoon.

PREP TIME COOK TIME **RESTING TIME** TOTAL TIME

20 minutes 1 hour 30 minutes 1 hour and 50 minutes

INGREDIENTS

BLACKBERRY BASE

- 8 cups frozen blackberries or fresh (see note) 36 ounces
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons lemon zest

CRUST

- 2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon table salt
- 12 tablespoons unsalted butter 2 teaspoons vanilla extract room temperature
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup milk (I used skim milk)
- 1 egg

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Preheat your oven to 375 degrees.
- Spray a 9 by 13 inch baking dish with cooking spray. Add the blackberries, 2/3 cup sugar, lemon juice, and lemon zest. Stir to combine well. Set aside and let rest.
- In a mixing bowl whisk together the flour, baking powder, and salt. Set aside.
- 4. Using a stand mixer or a hand mixer, beat together the room temperature butter and 3/4 cup granulated sugar. Beat until light and fluffy.
- 5. Beat in the milk, then the egg, and then the vanilla.
- Add the flour mixture and beat until just combined. The dough batter will be very sticky.
- 7. Drop the dough on top. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes or until the dough is golden brown. Remove from the oven. Let sit until no longer hot, but still warm (20 to 30 minutes) and serve with vanilla ice cream.

NOTE

You can use fresh blackberries in this recipe, but keep in mind that will shorten the cooking time. At the 30 minute mark, keep an eye on your cobbler to make sure the crust doesn't get overcooked.



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