



December 2023

Garden Talk

Florence Gardens Mobile Home Association
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**Deadline for
submitting
Newsletter items
December 23, 2023**

*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
info@fgmha.org

Florence Gardens Board of Directors

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Board Meeting

December 6

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December 20

10am in the
Clubhouse

President's Letter



The holidays are upon us. Florence Gardens is buzzing as our winter family and friends return. We were blessed to have two of my daughters and two of the grandkids with us for Thanksgiving and now plans are in the making for Christmas decorating and baking.

There are plans for some fun activities at the Clubhouse for December so we look forward to seeing people as they return and start enjoying the weather of Arizona. We want to wish you a blessed and Merry Christmas and let's pray for wonderful things for 2024.



A Message From Your Manager

December is here and we are entering a busy month!

Important dates to remember, members are invited to all these meetings, the Board would like your input:

December 5th, 2023 – Audit Presentation at 9 am in the Clubhouse.

December 6th, 2023 – Board Meeting at 10 am in the Clubhouse.

December 6th, 2023 – Bylaws Workshop at 11:30 am in the Clubhouse.

December 13th, 2023 - Bylaws Workshop at 10:00 am in the Clubhouse.

December 20th, 2023 – Board Meeting at 10 am in the Clubhouse.

Please remember to check in the office when you return to get your new key card and update your mailing address.

Tentatively beginning January 2024 all members will be required to wear name badges in all common areas and key cards will be required to enter the doors in the common areas, more information to come once finalized and approved by the Board of Directors.

Coming Soon: A survey will be conducted to determine what members would like to see happen in Florence Gardens in the future, the link for the survey will be email blasted once the survey is ready to be put out, please keep an eye out for that information. Hard copies of the survey will be available in the office for those who prefer to do a paper copy. A copy of the survey will also be placed into the Garden Talk.

Merry Christmas!



**Florence Gardens Mobile Home Association needs candidates.
There are TWO (2) open positions for directors at the
Annual Meeting in 2024.
2 for 3-year terms**

**Applications are available now in the office, December Garden Talk,
and the FGMHA website.
Turn in your application to Yasmin Rodriguez, Association Manager,
at the office or via email at yrodriguez@hoamco.com by noon on
December 15, 2023.**

**Have a question about duties or qualification of a board member?
Ask a nominating committee member.**

**Nominating committee members are:
Chair-Bob Williams 406-660-2668
Clyde Waterman 208-310-1128
Walter Blum 573-836-5006
Bob Larson 402-340-5302**



Candidate Application Form: 2024 Board of Directors

Please complete this application, sign, and submit with a current photograph to the FGMHA office during regular business hours. Completed applications must be submitted by noon on 12/15/2023.

Candidate Name: _____ Phone: _____

FGMHA Address: _____

Owner for ____ years Annual months in residence per year: _____

Why do you want to be a FGMHA Board Member?

Insert Image

What do you see as the role of a Board Member?

What skills would you bring to our Association that may be beneficial to the community?

Other information that should be considered in support of your application:

My signature indicates the above information is true and correct; I give permission to FGMHA to distribute this application to FGMHA members in good standing, for consideration and voting for the 2024 Board of Directors.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Rules for candidacy are:

1. Owner of a lot in Florence Gardens with name on the deed,
2. Owner in 'good standing' which means owner is current in the payment of all amounts (any fees, penalties or assessments of 2023 and prior), and owner is 'not otherwise in violation of any provision of the Community Documents which remains uncorrected for more than the period given to correct in the notice of violation'.
3. Owner is not residing with a current board member or with another candidate for the board,
4. Owner must agree to the association's use of their photo and application for the election process,
5. Owner must agree to participate in candidate forums,
6. Owner must not be one who has been removed from the board or who resigned from the board at the start of a removal process within the last twenty-four months of this election, and
7. Owner must be willing to fully participate as a director by attending board meetings and being knowledgeable about the associations' governing documents and appropriate state and federal laws.

If you are interested in serving, please submit your application to the office or via email to yrodriguez@hoamco.com.

Election Committee December 2023

Welcome back Winter visitors. If you have arrived at your winter home and have not changed your address with the office, please do so. You will need to fill out a quick form for the office staff. This helps everyone. When information needs to be mailed to you from Florence Gardens, it will be mailed to your address here in the park rather than take a trip to your home state/country, and hope the postal service gets it to you here in Florence Gardens. (Sorry postal service)

Our Annual Election will be here before you know it. Some reminders to all of us, at election time. On the ballot envelope that needs to be returned with your ballot there is important information on the front of that envelope that needs to be completed for the Election Committee to register your vote.

#1. Sign your name. #2. Print your name. #3. Your LOT #.

Three very important pieces of information needed for your vote to be registered and counted. If your ballot envelope cannot be registered, it is considered a spoiled ballot and will not be able to be counted.

If you do not remember your lot number, please call the office at 520-868-4770.

They will be more than happy to help you with that. Once you get it, please put it on a card or anything, tape it to the inside of a cabinet door, anywhere so you have access to remember to put that number on your ballot envelope.

Again, welcome back and enjoy your winter.

Respectfully

Ginny Kriigel

Election Committee - Chair

Volunteers needed to get meals going at Florence Gardens!

We are proposing to do twice monthly meals where the main dish and bread is provided for \$6.00 with salads, desserts and other items being provided by volunteers.

Tickets will be sold at the Clubhouse and the deadline for getting your ticket will be the Thursday before the meal so that we can have a count of how much food we need to buy.

We are asking volunteers to sign up in advance to bring salad or dessert. If you sign up to bring enough salad (we can provide salad dressings) or dessert for 25 people you only pay \$3.00 a ticket. We are hoping to get about 100 people.

We will also need a few cooks and servers, with food handlers' cards for each meal. Please sign up at the kitchen clipboard for salads, desserts, cooking or serving.

Here is the proposed menu.

December 6 – Lasagna (meat or vegetarian) and Garlic Bread

Volunteers will bring salad and dessert

December 20 - Enchiladas (beef or chicken) and Beans

Volunteers will bring toppings: cheese, salsa, guacamole, etc. and dessert

January 10 – Holiday Dinner with Turkey, Gravy, Cranberries and Ham

Volunteers will bring Potatoes, Dressing, Vegetable and dessert

January 24 – Potato Bar with Cheese, Chili or Stroganoff Toppings

Volunteers will bring salad and dessert

February 14 – Prime Rib, Baked Potato and Rolls

Volunteers will bring salad and dessert

We need enough cook volunteers for each meal and for the prime rib dinner we need a team of volunteers to put on that meal.

Thank you for your support.

Julie McFarlane and Mike Case

HEAD START ANGELS

At the end of November, we will put up a Christmas tree in the Annex with Angels for each child from Florence Head Start. Just take an Angel, buy a gift, then wrap it. Attach the Angel to the gift, then return them to the office or to one of us listed below. We will deliver the gifts to Head Start and the teachers will deliver them to each child. The Angel will have information about the child. If you would like to give a donation, we use the money for clothes the sewers make craft projects or whatever Head Start may suggest.

Thank you

Carol Byars 701-367-0572

Carol Baerresen 520-868-0003



Florence Garden Christmas Bazaar December 2nd, 2023

Vendors and Volunteers needed for this fun event. If you are a vendor, pick up a vendor application at the FG Office. Tables are \$10.00 each. Volunteers, who want to help with this event, please call

Linda Rimmer 360-421-1146

Shoppers put this date on your calendar, so you can get a start on your Christmas shopping or just to pick up something special. The Bazaar is in the Main Clubhouse at Florence Gardens and will be open from 8:00- Noon on December 2nd.

Hope to see you there!!!!

Food Truck will be available for breakfast and lunch.

**Breakfast and Shopping at the same
time.....What could be better!!**



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**PEARL HARBOR
REMEMBRANCE DAY**



**Join us at Florence
Gardens Clubhouse**

- Thursday December 7th, 2023
- 2pm - 3pm
- Tickets \$5.00 in office or at the door
- Refreshments will be served
- Music and Entertainment by Ron Hylland and his band!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

3830 N. Florence Blvd

Florence AZ 85132



Building Operations Committee

The BOC committee has collected 3 competitive bids from pool deck replacement companies.

The three(3) person team that collected bidding information for the pool deck replacement has done a great job. The team invited 8 contractors, 5 showed for a walk through, 3 submitted competitive bids. The whole team worked at qualifying the bids. Several questions and options were asked of each of the contractors to clarify in writing on their bids. This gave the BOC committee team the opportunity to compare each bid "apples to apples." On November 8th 2023. The board approved the BOC to move forward with Arrowhead Deck & Pool Company, with a not to exceed \$110,923.94. Work will begin on November 27, 2023 with a completion date of December 19, 2023. This is the schedule Arrowhead Deck & Pool Co. gave us.

At the October 25, 2023, board meeting, the board asked the BOC to proceed with collecting information and bids to upgrade the existing software/hardware for the office staff. At the November 8th board meeting, the BOC recommended the Board give the office staff a budget to upgrade their software/computers as needed for them to be compatible with their duties.

Currently the BOC is back working on programable thermostats. At the June 28th board meeting the BOC was asked to revisit and try to collect more competitive bids. There was too much of a price gap in the 2 contractors that did take the time to submit bids. I'm happy to say that currently, the team is working with 4 HVAC contractors.

The next BOC meeting will be December 8th 10:00 am, conference room. Our meetings are always open to committee members.

Respectfully

Ginny Kriigel

BOC - Chair

Annual Meeting Committee

Hello Florence Gardens,

It is December with every event and activity asking for your help and participation. These types of activities keep our lives full and our Association vibrant.

The Annual Meeting is Tuesday, February 13, 2024, not that far away by the time you get the December Garden Talk.

The Annual Meeting Committee of three (3) would like to know what you as members would like to see happen during this event. Ok, no parades or fireworks, but what will encourage you to participate and attend this event.

The first meeting will be scheduled in December. Please think about attending and participating in the planning.

Thank you for helping your

Association grow and prosper.

Judy Parsons, Annual Meeting Chair

520 975 4120

Recycles Friends UTV/ATV Riders

It is good to be back in the sunshine of Arizona although we could certainly use some rain. We would like to invite any UTV/ATV riders to join us for our meetings and/or for our rides. The rides meet on Mondays and Thursdays, at the Caliente parking lot on the south side. Meet at 9:00 where a leader will tell you where the ride will go for the day. Bring your lunch and drinks. The Recycles UTV Friends will have our first meeting December 5, 2023, hosted by Kathy and Duane Davis, Mary and Rich Almond, Michele and Bruce Johnson. It will be in the Florence Garden's Club House. Bring a potluck dish, your table settings and drinks. Meet at 4:00 for a Happy Hour, the meeting will be about 4:45 and eat at 5:00. There will be a reminder just before the day of the meeting if you are on our friend's list. There are no dues, but possibly a donation for planned events that we have occasionally. You do not have to go to the meetings to ride with the group. Welcome back and please come to the meeting for information about our group and the rides.

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



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!

Currently setting appointments for **December 7, 2023.**

We will be doing our last photo shoot on January 18, 2024.

Make sure to get in for your picture if you want to be included in the Phone Directory. You may also submit your own photo.

Friends Meeting New Friends

Our next regular meeting will be December 2nd in the annex at 4PM. Please bring a snack to share, plate, silverware and beverage. Bring ideas for somewhere to go in January.

Our Christmas share a dish get-together will be December 16th in the annex at 4PM. Please bring a dish to serve at least 10, your table setting and beverage.

For more information, please call~~~~

Roger and Bobbie Schmisek 520-709-2527

Nancy Matthes 530-868-1898

Jerry and Susan Weaver 503-710-8371

**We wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS,
and a HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR**



Tai Chi

Tai Chi will begin November 1, 2023 at 8:30AM in the Annex.

We will meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week.

For more information call

Jean at 520-841-1452



Gourders!

The Florence Gardens Gourders meet every Wednesday starting November 1 at 9am in the Annex. Beginners welcome.

For information, call Peggy Waterman (208)301-1066



Woodcarvers

Woodcarvers meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am-12 noon in the Annex.

Beginners welcome.

Call Clyde Waterman for information (208)310-1128



Material Girls Upcoming Events for December

Every Wednesday, 8:30 – noon: UFO's or open sewing

Friday, December 8, 2023

Christmas Stocking Class. You will receive the stocking pattern and you can quilt it however you wish.

Thursday, December 21, 2023

Square Kleenix Box Cover, taught by Rae Lohse. 9 am, craft room. You will need one fat quarter of fabric and 28 inches of coordinating ribbon. Call Rae at 218/205-8954 to register.

Save the date:

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Meet and Greet Brunch – 10 am @ FG Clubhouse. Reservations required by December 18th. Sign up sheet on the craft room door.

Saturday, January 6, 2024

Prep class for those taking the Panel Quilt/emphasis on Borders class in February, taught by Billie Harnden

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Luncheon at Anthem Grille

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, January 25, 26, 27

Mystery Quilt – taught by Alvina Schmidt. More info to come in January's event notices.

Ceramics

I will be starting ceramics classes on November the 1st at 9 am and it will last until 1pm.

Class is \$2:00 and includes use of all the paints that we have. Hope to see you there.

Mary, any questions you can call me at 520-424-6064



Gardening & Landscaping

Committee Tip:

Building Cairns

The history of the stone cairns is murky; no one knows the exact significance of a pile of stones placed individually. They have been found in Ireland, Scotland and all over the northern part of the United States.

Create your own calming garden look by forming a personal-sized cairn!

Step 1: collect stones that are smooth and have flat surfaces in sizes from small to large.

Step 2: wash and scrub them, let them dry

Step 3: place largest stone on bottom-level area so it sits flat

Step 4: stack the stones on top of each other - balance is important! You may choose to leave them or glue them!

Step 5: Enjoy!!

Margo Sievers (712)299-3501



Florence Gardens Crafts and More Show

December 16th from 8A.M. till 12P.M.

at the Florence Garden Club House

3830 Florence Blvd, Florence

Come out and shop for that
special gift

Mt Athos Food Truck will be
Available

For Your Food Craving

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.



Square Dancing Beginner lessons

Want to have fun, make new friends, get some great exercise and sharpen your memory. Then come to Florence Gardens Annex, on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 am.

Sign up for Lessons start December 1, 2023. Beginner lessons start January 2, 2024. No beginners after 2nd lesson.

Singles are welcome.

Would appreciate any angels. No lesson charges for Angels.

For more information, call or e-mail:

Caller Dick Rueter 763 226 1639 or e-mail
rgrueter@hotmail.com

Will Johnson at: 509 607 4600, e-mail
Wejohn2000@yahoo.com

Gwen Bradley: 587 837 8756

Join us for Great Food & Great Music

December 13th

4-6pm in the clubhouse

J.D. & Company will be playing for our

Share-a-dish

introducing their country sound.

Bring a dish to share & beverage of choice.

B.Y.O.B. rules apply

Donations accepted for the band.



Now that some of the snowbirds are coming back, it is a good time to plan your next vacations! The Five Parks Travel Club currently has available bookings for the following cruises:

Alaska---Carnival Spirit on July 16, 2024 out of Seattle-7 days

Caribbean--NCL Pearl on January 3rd, 2025 out of Miami-14 days

We do have some singles on both cruises who are looking for roommates. You do not have to leave from Florence Gardens to join the cruise. We have snowbirds who are flying in from many places in the United States to join us in Seattle for the Alaskan cruise. The cruises are not exclusively for Five Parks people either. Get your kids, neighbors from back home, relatives, high school sweethearts, or anyone else to join you! For more information about the Caribbean cruise-call Ronda Varner-425-280-5474. For more information about the Alaskan cruise-call Linda Hurley-480-577-7835.

Golf Cart Parade with 5 Park Singers

We will be having a Golf Cart Parade with the 5 Park Singers. More information to follow when we have all the details.

For more information contact

Linda Rimmer at 360-421-1146

Annex Display Case

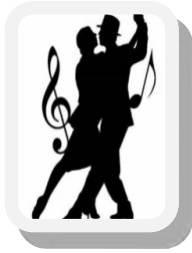
We are currently letting our members display their artwork in our display case in the Annex. You will have two months to have your items up.

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

Activities Committee

December 12th

9:30am in the Conference Room



Architectural Committee

December 4th, 11th, & 18th
@ 8:45 am in the Conference Room



Building Operations Committee

December 8 @ 10am in the Conference Room



Florence Gardens COMMITTEES

All members are invited to attend

GET INVOLVED!



Decorating Committee

December 12, 2023
10:30am in the Clubhouse



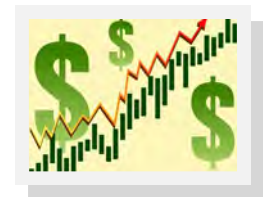
Documents Committee

December 6, 13, 20, & 27
9am
In the Conference Room



Finance Committee

December 18 @ 10:30 am
in the Conference Room



Gardening & Landscaping Committee

CANCELED IN DECEMBER



Nominating Committee Meeting

December 18, 2023
10:00 AM in the Conference Room



Welcoming Committee

December 1st @ 9-10am in the Conference Room





ARE YOU A QUILTER?

INTERESTED IN BECOMING ONE?

FLORENCE GARDENS MATERIAL GIRLS present

2024 MEET AND GREET

WHEN: Tuesday, January 2, 2023

WHERE: FG Club House

TIME: 10:00 am Brunch, meeting to follow

SERVING: Egg Bake, Sausage, Croissant, Fruit, Coffee & Water

BRING: One quilt that you have worked on in the past year

EVENT DETAILS: Meet your fellow quilters, Brunch, Quilts, Upcoming Classes, New Ideas, Drawing for door prizes! All Five Parks residents are welcome.

MUSTS: Sign up by December 18, 2022, either by text or at the clubhouse. Sign-up sheet located on the craft room door. Contact information is shown below

No walk-ins for this event – you MUST be pre-registered!

Cost at the Door: \$8 per person – please have correct change

Contacts: Alvina Schmidt 651/216-8606 alviaschmid@gmail.com or
Deb Karsnia 218/770-0212 debkarsnia@gmail.com



It Is Time For A Season Of: CREATIVE CRAFTS

This is a group of beginning Crafters. No previous experience is needed. We meet each Wednesday in the craft room in the main clubhouse from 1pm to 3pm. Cost for each week is \$3 unless otherwise noted. First class will be Wednesday Dec. 6th 2023. In order to be sure that materials are available, the class is limited to twelve crafters. Please call to be sure space is available.

We look forward to another season of fun projects and would love to have you join us.

Dec. 6th -Lace Angel \$3.

Dec. 13th -Christmas Tree inside Picture Frame \$3

Dec. 20th Open Box Wooden Christmas Decor \$3

Dec. 27th No Class

Limit 12 Crafters due to space.

Rossann Sodon

253.370.8502

Craft Room FG

Yoga In The Annex

Yoga with Gwen Bradley will re-start in December on Sundays at 11AM in the Florence Gardens Annex

Anything that we do on the mat can be adapted to a chair.

For any questions call:

Alice Kerr 515-201-0558

Or

Gwen Bradley 587-837-8756



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 Annex, Craft Room. Seasonal October 16th to April 15th, 2024.



Point of Contact is "Bill" at (520)709-8021

UPCOMING Movies!!!

Wednesday Movie Night!

December 13th

**From 6 to 8 PM at
Florence Gardens Clubhouse**



November's movie: Somewhere in Time (1981)

Starring Christopher Reeves, Jane Seymour, Christopher Plummer

Directed by Jeannot Szwarc

In 1972, playwright Richard Collier (Christopher Reeves) becomes fascinated by a photo of Elise McKenna (Jane Seymour), a turn-of-the-century stage actress, while staying at the Grand Hotel in Mackinac Island, Michigan. As Richard's obsession grows, he learns from a friend that time travel may be possible through hypnosis. Richard travels in time to meet Elise, and the two appear destined to be together. However, Elise's jealous manager (Christopher Plummer) attempts to keep them apart.

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.**

GILA RIVER COMMUNITY CHAPEL

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE
CALIENTE CLUBHOUSE

SUNDAY'S AT 9:00 AM

We are a nondenominational church

Everyone is welcome



Committee Members Needed!!

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.



Volunteer as an AARP Tax Counselor

This is your opportunity to **learn something new** and interesting while helping your neighbor this coming spring of 2024.

Serve **one morning a week** from Feb to April 15 in Florence Gardens or Florence Senior Center greeting clients or preparing taxes.

We train you and provide laptop computers.

Training Class in January 2024 in Florence Gardens.

To volunteer or for further information
Call **Charles Tuomi 763-486-5730**



FOOD AND FUN EVENT

Dance-Eat-Enjoy

At the Annex

Starts Tuesday, December 12, 5:00 gather and eat at 5:30.

Bring a large dish to pass and your own table service.

Entertainment will start around 6:00 PM.

THE BELLEVIEW ST. BAND

Traditional Country and

Bluegrass Gospel Music

You are welcome to come to just enjoy the music.

Coffee will be provided. There will be a tip jar.

Questions? Call Al or Linda 715-267-6521



**invite you to join them
for their
Christmas program**

**on Thursday afternoon,
December 21st**

@ 1:00

in the clubhouse.

Doors will open at 12:30

**admission is free, however a small donation to help
defray cost of music and copies would be appreciated.**

Tatting

Any “tatters” in the area? I would like you to join me— —maybe trade ideas and tat together?

I have tatting examples in the display case in the Florence Gardens Annex

Phyllis Page 520-431-1797



Join us for Share A Dish
Wednesdays in the
Clubhouse
4pm to 6pm
BYOB Rules Apply



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.



FLORENCE GARDENS
SATURDAY MORNING

**COFFEE
AND DONUTS**



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



**MONDAYS In the CLUBHOUSE
from 4PM to 6PM**

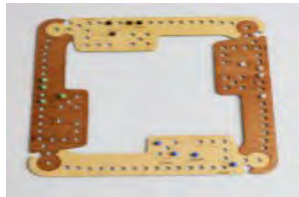
Please bring a snack to Share

**BYOB Rules: 40oz of beer, 750ml of wine or
4oz distilled spirits**



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



Euchre card game will resume on Saturday, Nov 11th in the annex.

Sign in 6:30 and play start 6:45 p m.

Questions call Linda at 218-838-8791.



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.



Party Bridge @ Annex on
Tuesdays at 12:30pm

This is a year round event

Contact Lori Peterson for more information (715)245-6633



Shanghai

Florence Gardens
Annex

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

6:30 pm—9:00 pm

Year Round Event

Bring your quarters

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Sunday Service 10:00 am

Wednesday Service 7:00 pm

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees.
2. Fill each phyllo shell (straight from the freezer is fine), with a small piece of brie (eyeball a 1 inch square and 1/2 inch thick piece) and a little cranberry sauce (about 1/2 a tablespoon). Bake for 5 minutes or until the cups begin to turn golden brown.
3. Remove from the oven, top with the orange zest and serve.

Notes: If you can't find phyllo cups (or if you want to try something different), use puff pastry instead.



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					1	2 Saturday Morning Coffee & Donuts 7am Annex Christmas Bazaar 8am to Noon CH
3	4 Happy Hour 4pm CH	5	6 Lasagna Dinner 5pm CH \$6	7 Directory Photos 10am CH Pearl Harbor Remembrance 2-3pm CH \$5	8 Bingo 7pm CH 	9 Saturday Morning Coffee & Donuts 7am CH
10	11 Happy Hour 4pm CH 	12	13 Share-A-Dish & Music 4pm CH Movie Night 6pm in CH	14	15 Bingo 7pm CH 	16 Saturday Morning Coffee & Donuts 7am Annex Crafts & More in the CH 8am
17 Christmas Parade & Party 1pm	18 Happy Hour 4pm CH	19	20 Enchilada Dinner 5pm CH	21 5 Park Singers Christmas Program 1pm CH	22 Bingo 7pm CH 	23 Saturday Morning Coffee & Donuts 7am CH
24	25 Merry Christmas!! Happy Hour 4pm CH	26	27 Share-A-Dish 4pm CH	28	29 Bingo 7pm CH 	30 Saturday Morning Coffee & Donuts 7am CH
31 New Year's Eve!						

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Welcoming Committee 9am CR	2
3	4 ARC 9am in CR	5 Audit Presentation 9am CH	6 Documents Comm Meeting 9-9:45am CR Board Meeting 10am CH Bylaws Work- shop 11:30am CH	7	8 BOC Comm Meeting 10am CR	9
10	11 ARC 9am in CR White Elephant Comm Meeting 1pm CR	12 Activities Committee Meeting 9:30am CR Decorating Comm Meeting 10:30am CR	13 Docu- ments Comm Meeting 9- 11am CR Bylaws Work- shop 10am CH	14	15	16
17	18 ARC 9am in CR Nominating Comm Meet 10am CR Finance Comm Meeting 10:30 CH	19	20 Documents Comm Meeting 9-9:45am CR Board Meeting 10am CH	21	22	23
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