

March 2024

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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

Garden Talk

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Director

Board Meeting

March 13th @ 10 am

March 27th @ 10am

In the clubhouse

Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday March 20th @ 10am In the Clubhouse

President's Letter

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Spring is springing forth – flowers are blooming and the birds are performing a chorus of beautiful sounds.

It was fun watching people out walking, riding their bikes or just cruising in golf carts – enjoying the wonderful Arizona weather.

February gave us some very good dinners and entertainment at different levels. March will offer more of the same. The kitchen and share-a-dish will give us the chance to eat and visit. The Variety Show will be going on March 9 & 10 and the Five Park Singers will be doing their last program – a Gospel sing on March 26.

So put some spring in your step and get ready for some good food and time with friends and neighbors.

Happy Spring from the FG Board of Directors.

A Message From Your Manager

Happy March 2024

Spring is just around the corner with warmer temperatures.

March will have many events at the association, please review the Garden Talk for all the details.

On the next page you will locate the

"Capital Improvement Survey" by the Board. Please take the time to complete the survey and turn it into the office for the Board of Directors future planning.

The Association's next town hall meeting will be on March 20, 2024, at 10 am in the Clubhouse. Board of Directors always welcome the member's input.

If you chair a committee for Florence Gardens, please provide to the office a list of the committee members no later than March 15, 2024. This will require the Board of Directors' approval at the March 27, 2024, meeting, thank you for your cooperation and all your hard work.

Work is in progress for the Florence Gardens Phone Book and look forward to placing it for sale soon, we will keep you posted.

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Easter.

Capital Improvement

The purpose of this survey is to get an idea of what our members would like to see in the future.

1. What new amenity would you like to see in Florence Gardens?

Enter your answer

2. What amenity do you use most in Florence Gardens?

Enter your answer

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February 20, 2024

SENT VIA E-BLAST & POSTED ON NEWSLETTER:

Members of Florence Gardens Mobile Home Association c/o HOAMCO 3830 N Florence Blvd Florence, AZ 85132

Re: Florence Gardens Mobile Home Association v. Town of

Florence

Pinal County Superior Court Case No. S1100CV202302028

LITIGATION NOTICE AND UPDATE

Dear Members of Florence Gardens Mobile Home Association:

This firm represents Florence Gardens Mobile Home Association ("Association") in the subject-line litigation. As you are probably aware, the Town of Florence owns property within the Association. Due to a legal impasse between the parties, on October 9, 2023, the Association filed a lawsuit for Declaratory Action against the Town of Florence. The lawsuit asks the Pinal County Superior Court to interpret key provisions in the Association's contractual governing documents and the Arizona Planned Community Act, at A.R.S. §33-1807.

The lawsuit is still in its early stages of litigation. This firm continues to defend the Association's interests. As part of that defense, we have asked the Board of Directors and the Association's management company, HOAMCO, to direct all communications through counsel. We hope you will understand if these individuals respond to your questions by declining to discuss the litigation outside of counsel, and to ask you to contact this firm. You may contact this firm, by e-mailing Monya N. Cohen, Esq. at Monya.cohen@carpenterhazlewood.com.

We will continue to update the Association about this case. If you have any questions or would like to further discuss this lawsuit, please contact this firm directly.

Sincerely,

Monya Cohen, Esq.

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CARPENTER, HAZLEWOOD, DELGADO & BOLEN, LLP

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

We will be having our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Friday March 29th at 11:30am in the Clubhouse.

If you have volunteered this season at Florence Gardens please come to the office to get your free ticket for the lunch. You will have until March 22nd to get your free ticket.

Menu will be announced at a later date.



Sundaes on Sunday March 31st 1pm to 3pm In the

Florence Gardens Clubhouse

\$5

Come enjoy a delicious banana split or sundae.

Banana Slit

2 scoop sundae \$4

1 scoop sundae \$3

Toppings include:

Hot fudge topping

Caramel topping

Strawberry topping

Pineapple topping

Bananas

Whipped cream

Maraschino cherries

Nuts

Pay at the door





March

This is our last month of crafting for the season.

If you will be leaving Florence Gardens soon. I hope you have a great and safe summer.

March 6th Easter Craft \$3

March 13th No Craft - We will have a table at the Quilt and Craft Show on the 14th. Stop by and see what we have done this season.

March 20th Wood Crafts \$3

March 27th Glass Bottle Craft \$3

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253.370.8502

KNITTING, CROCHET, AND EMBROIDERY

The knitting group is meeting every Thursday afternoon from 12:30 to 3:00 in the Craft room in the Clubhouse 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



FOR OLD AND NEW HOMEOWNERS-REVISITING FEBRUARY 2019

In February of 2019, we had a serious problem arise in the desert west of our RV Storage Yard. Someone took the liberty of dumping brush there, That is littering for starters, but some of the brush that was dumped there was oleander. For the uninformed, oleander is poisonous to all animals and humans also. In this case, some of the cattle grazing in that desert pasture ate some of the leaves. The result----7 DEAD CALVES/COWS! For all of us, this was a sad situation. For the rancher----he lost thousands of dollars. Farmers and ranchers among us know how much that hurts.

Oleander is a pretty landscaping plant, but it is deadly. If you don't know what it is, ask someone to point it out to you. If you hire a landscaper to trim plants for you, ask what they plan to do with the brush. If you trim your own plants we have the opportunity to have our brush picked up the second Monday of every month by RAD, our collection service. To schedule a bulk pickup you must call City of Florence at least 24 hours in advance.

There are signs at the entrance to the west desert stating what is acceptable and what is not, and also signs stating which laws you are breaking by dumping brush or trash. Please take them to heart: there was a good reason that they were put up.

This desert is a fun little getaway for many people from all the parks. It's a place to walk, jog, hike, bike, ATV, or just watch the sunset. This is just a friendly reminder that we all have a good reason to help keep it safe and usable for all of us.

Thank you for caring.

The Moore's

Material Girls Presents

Annual Quilt Show & Craft Displays

REGISTER FOR A QUEEN SIZE QUILT TO BE GIVEN AS A DOOR PRIZE!

Thursday March 14th

9 am-2:30 pm

Florence Gardens Club House

We are planning ahead for 2025. Here are a few tentative projects being considered:

Beach Glass Quilt I-Pad/Phone rest

Disappearing Hourglass Quilt Tulip table runner

And a Mystery Quilt

MATERIAL GIRLS QUILTING



Feb - March 2023 Activities

Please register for these classes directly with the instructor.

Phone numbers are provided below to text or call.

Sign up sheet for Quilt Show (March 13-14) workers is on the bulletin board in the craft room. Please take a shift or two – we NEED you!

Crafters- if you are interested in showing your treasures at the show, contact Billie Harnden at 307/436-8108

Open Sew every Wed & Thurs. 8:00 to Noon Fri. and Sat 8:00 to 3:00 no sign up required

2024 Quilt Challenge: Because many stores are eliminating bags, our challenge this year is to create a tote bag and incorporating a 6" polka dot strip of fabric supplied by Alvina somewhere in the bag. Questions: Contact Alvina 651/216-8606

Thursday, Feb 8 8:30 - noon 16" Pillow Class, Instructor Kaye Lehman 715/790-1947

Thurs-2/15 8:30 - noon Fri -Sat 2/16, 17 8:30 - 3 Panel Quilt Class Instructor Billie Harnden 307/436-8108

Thurs 2/22 8:30 - noon Lemon Squeezy Table Topper Instructor Jo Davig 608/606-0926

Thurs 2/29 8:30 – noon Fri -Sat 3/1 - 3/2 8:30 – 3 Mystery Quilt Class - Instructor Alvina Schmidt (NOTE: rescheduled from January) 651/216-8606

Thurs-Sat, March 7-8-9 NO QUILTING – space will be used for Variety Show

Wednesday, March 13 Quilt Show intake and setup

Thursday, March 14 Quilt and Craft Show 9 am - 2:30 pm FG Clubhouse





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Florence Gardens

Fabulous Fifth Annual



Variety Show

\$5.00 Early Buy at the office \$6.00 at the Door Saturday March 9th 7pm Sunday March 10th 2pm

Gardening and Landscape Committee

Please join our next meeting Friday March 8, 1pm Annex

Now is the best time for desert planting. Planting and transplanting now will give plants a chance to acclimate before temperatures rise dramatically. Rooting Cactus Cuts excerpts are included here from Kent C Newland, Boyce Thompson Arboretum. Cuttings should be cut with a clean, sharp knife, not broken from the parent plant. Columnar cacti are effectively propagated by making 6 to 8-inch tip cuts. The cutting should be allowed to heal in a dry, partly shaded location until it is well calloused. The minimum time required for this curing will vary with species from two weeks to a month depending on the size of the cut and the weather. If cuttings of columnar cacti are laid out horizontally to heal, they should bend upwards and the whole cutting becomes bow shaped, but this can be avoided by standing them upright in an empty pan close together so that do not fall, or singly in empty pots. After the cut has formed a hard callous tissue, it should be planted in rooting medium of basically 1/3 commercial potting soil, 1/3 sharp sand and 1/3 perlite. Usually this is done in flat or single pots that match the size of the cut. It is best to wait a couple of weeks before watering, because watering unrooted cactus cuttings will induce rot.

Members of this committee also added the following suggestions to consider when transplanting cacti. Add slow- release fertilizer. Within Florence Gardens, successful cacti transplanting has resulted without using commercial soil or sand mix when planting into similar soil that parent plant grew.





Freddy G

At Florence Gardens



March 16th

6:00pm-8:00pm

Florence Gardens Clubhouse

BYOB RULES APPLY

Any questions call

Linda Rimmer at 360-421-1146



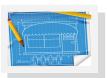
Activities Committee

March 12th @ 9:30am in the Conference Room



Architectural Committee

March 4, 11, 18, & 25 @ 8:45 am in the Conference Room



Building Operations Committee

March 4 @ 9:30am in the Conference Room



Florence Gardens COMMITTEES

All members are invited to attend

Documents Committee

Wednesdays

March 13 9-9:45am

March 20 9-11am

March 27 9-9:45am

In the Conference Room

Decorating Committee

Tuesday March 12th
At 10:30 am in the CH



Finance Committee

Monday March 18th

@

10:00 am in the Conference Room



Gardening & Landscaping Committee

Friday March 8th
@
1pm in the Annex



Kitchen Committee

<u>Meeting</u>

Tuesday March 5th

10:00 AM in the

Clubhouse

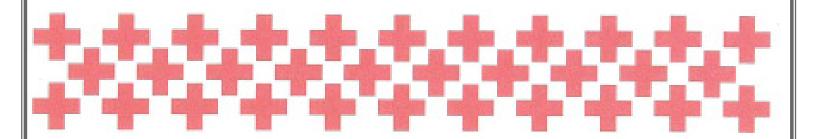
Kitchen Committee

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Tuesday March 12th
11am to 12:30pm
in the Conference Room

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive Florence Gardens

Clubhouse 3830 N. Florence Blvd. Florence, AZ 85132

Thursday, March 21, 2024 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

To schedule your appointment or for more information, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or log on to redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: florence



Come to give March 1-24 for a \$10 e-gift card to a pet supply merchant of choice! Give blood, treat your pet & make a paw-sitive impact this spring. PLUS automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$3K gift card (5 winners!)! Terms: rcblood.org/Pets.



FLORENCE GARDENS PALM TREE TRIMMING PROGRAM

Hales Tree Service will once again trim your palm trees for an excellent price and they do a great job.

Fan Palms

\$55.00 each

Date Palms

\$125.00 each

The trimming will take place in late July after the palms have bloomed and older leaves have

Late July trimming is the best time of the year to prune fan and date palms

Being part of this program assures that you will only be obligated to trim your palms once a year and keeps you in compliance with the HOA rules.

Pre payments to enroll in the program must be made before MAY 1 by check only. Payable to Hales Tree Service. Leave the date blank.

Checks can be dropped off in the main office

For more info see or call

Kevin Tucker

3806 N Jawa Ave.

Florence, AZ 85132

636-542-2433





FLORENCE GARDENS CRAFTS AND MORE SHOW

March 16th from 8 A.M. till 12 P.M. at the Florence Garden Club House 3830 Florence Blvd, Florence Come out and shop for that Special gift

One Hot Mess Food Truck &

Sweet Drizzle Delights Food Truck will be Available

For Your Food, Dessert & Drink Craving

Our last show for the Season April 20th



5 PARKS OUTDOOR EVENT!

BYOB- SEASON ENDING FAREWELL PARTY!

SPONSOR - CALIENTE PICKLEBALL CLUB!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH 3-7 PM

Caliente Clubhouse-East Parking Lot

FOOD TRUCKS: Chinoz, Ma's Kitchen, Ute Bakery

Dining seating available at Kokopelli patio

BAND: Armand and Friends - 4-6 p.m. RAFFLE DRAWING: \$5 for 7 tickets!

Drawing at 5:30 p.m. Need not be present to win

BRING: FOLDING CHAIRS

Florence Food bank

The Florence Food bank that is usually held the last Friday of the month will hold its food giveaway for March on

Friday March 22nd at 8am at Heritage Park, Florence, AZ.

This change is due to the Easter holiday.



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

White Elephant Sale

<u>REMINDER</u>: 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 tops 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. <u>Furniture must be in decent condition</u>. It is 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 2nd 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:

Bill Kohlerman 541-761-0256 / Craig Wall 360-814-4173 /

Lew Dawley 425-328-8090



invite you to join them as they sing some of their favorite hymns in celebration of Easter.

Tuesday, March 26 @ 2:30

Doors open at 2:00.

Admission is free, however, a donation to help with cost of music and copies would be appreciated.

Memorial for Bill Rimmer



As you all know, Bill Rimmer passed away on December 16, 2023. To honor Bill, there will be a celebration of his life on Monday, March 25th at 4PM. At the Florence Gardens Community Clubhouse. Bill always enjoyed Monday night gatherings with friends, sharing food and having cocktails. Please bring your appetizer and your beverage of choice and join our family to honor his life and legacy. Please join us. **Please RVSP to the number below.**

Linda Rimmer and family

360-421-1146

BYOB rules apply



Elaine Linke passed away peacefully in Phoenix, AZ, on February 26 at the age of 89. There will be a celebration of life at her daughter Gales house, date to be determined.

Carol Byars

701-367-0572

MARCH 10, 2024





TACO DINNER & DESSERT HAPPY HOUR (BYOB)AT 4 pm

DINNER AT 5 pm
CALIENTE ANNEX
TICKETS ARE \$10.00
INCLUDES
(DINNER, DESERT & DRAWINGS)

JUST BRING YOUR BEVERAGE OF CHOICE WATER WILL BE PROVIDED

FOR TICKETS

CALL or TEXT CONNIE @ 406-595-7560 in Caliente

If in Florence Gardens CALL or TEXT Bob @ 406-660-2668

MUST BE PURCHASED BY MARCH 7TH



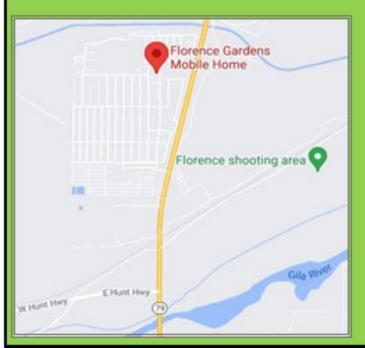
When: Friday March 22nd &

Saturday March 23rd 8:00am.

Florence Gardens welcomes the public to their Community Yard Sale! Come on out and shop until you drop. There will be a large variety of goods throughout the community.

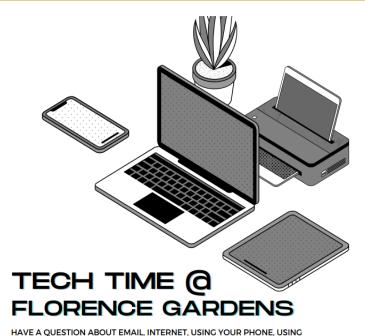
Feeling a bit hungry? Friday, March 22nd from 8:00am to 2:00pm, the Rollin' Dough and Sweet Drizzle Delights food trucks will be at the Florence Gardens Clubhouse parking lot, which is open to the public at 3830 N. Florence Blvd., Florence.

Sign up sheets are available at the office to add your address to the map, and need to be filled out no late than Wednesday March 20th



Questions? Contact Linda Rimmer 360-421-1146





HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT EMAIL, INTERNET, USING YOUR PHONE, USING LIBRARY EBOOKS ETC.? BOOK A 30-MINUTE INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENT WITH RACHEL FROM THE FLORENCE COMMUNITY LIBRARY STAFF WHO CAN HELP YOU WITH YOUR TECH QUESTIONS. THIS INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENT WILL BE INDORS AND IN-PERSON. PLEASE SIGN UP BY VISITING THE FLORENCE GARDENS OFFICE.

THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 1-3 PM REGISTER AT THE FLORENCE GARDENS OFFICE FOR A 30 MIN. APPOINTMENT.

Fee: FREE



Art Studio



Tuesdays 9-11:30am
Find your hidden talent!!
(some supplies available)
Main Clubhouse
Facilitator: Darlene Reider
970-430-2469

Friends Meeting New Friends

Our next regular meeting will be March 2nd at 4PM in the annex.

Please bring a snack to share, plate, utensils and beverage.

In March also, we will have our end of season share a dish, on March 16th at 4PM in the annex.

Please bring your dish to share. table setting, silverware and beverage.

Those of you who are leaving for the season, have safe travels and a good summer.

For more information you may call~~~~

Roger and Bobbie Schmisek 520-709-2527

Nancy Matthes 520-868-1898

Jerry and Susan Weaver 503-710-8371

Non-Toxic Weed Killer Recipe

- Pour 1 gallon of white vinegar into a bucket. 5% household white vinegar is fine.
- 2. Add 1 cup of table salt.
- 3. Stir in 1 tablespoon of liquid dishwashing soap.
- 4. Blend all thoroughly and then funnel the weed killer into a plastic spray bottle.

Thank you Dave & Jeannie Larson



BETWEEN THE COVERS

2023 ANNUAL LIBRARY REPORT January 25, 2024 Beth Liedl, coordinator

We have a staff of 13 people plus one substitute volunteer. We have a person each day of the week to shelve books, plus one person each for shelving Harlequin, Western, magazines, media, and puzzles, the coordinator who does the processing of the books and overseeing the volunteers and the operation of the library. Our volunteer staff consists of the following: Ruth Baldwin, Audrey Belter, Lois Curtis, Betsy Fogelsonger, Tom Harmon, John Hueneman, Karin Lanphear, Beth Liedl, Renie MacConnie, Cheryl Miller, Sue Rekart, Vera Schell These volunteers put in a total of 415 hrs. and 10 min. in 2023 to keep the library running smoothly.

Volunteers keep track of books, videos, puzzles, magazines etc. that are shelved each day in a tracking notebook with is tallied and recorded each month. Since library usage is on the honor system, this is our only method of tracking that usage.

Due to shelving limits we can only keep the books printed during the last 10 years. There are exceptions for books series and the category of the book. During November and December we began discarding the "too old" books on the shelves.

Donations In 2023 were: 1873 books, 234 puzzles, 365 DVD's, 21 CD's and we discarded 1851 books, 228 Puzzles, 78 DVD's and 24 CD's.

Library items "checked out" - 3657 books, 1265 puzzles, 1122 magazines, 868 DVD and 149 CD audio. These numbers are also approximate because we do not check out our inventory. It is done by the honor system. The only way we can keep track (approximate) is by recording the number of items we place back on the shelves each day. That is why we ask that all returned items be placed in the return receptacles and not be placed on the shelves by the individual returning said items.

On our shelves we have approximately 4116 books, 838 Puzzles, 1763 DVD's and 260 CD's. (these numbers are approximate because of the numbers that are checked out at the time of inventory).

All books, puzzles, magazines, videos, audios etc. are donated to our library. Our only expense is for supplies for processing these items, i.e., labels, book tape, and book ends. \$0 was spent on library supplies in 2023.

In appreciation for 10 years of volunteer service

to the Florence Gardens Library,

we thank



Betsy Fogelsonger



<u>EIvis</u> (Mark Stevenz) will be back at

Florence Gardens on

March 30th

6:00pm to 8:00pm

In the Clubhouse





Grab your ticket in the office for \$10.00

BYOB Rules Apply

Any questions call 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.

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



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

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



Recycles Friends UTV/ATV

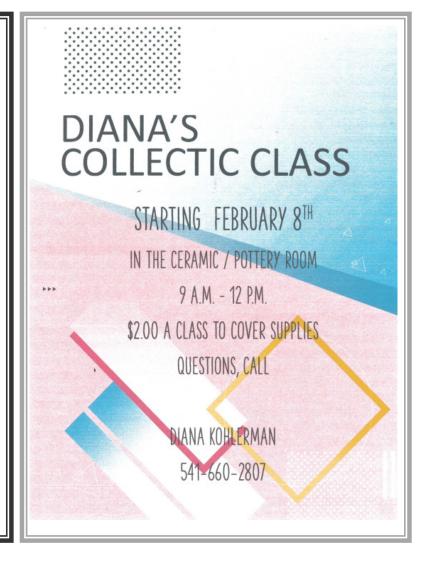
We would like to invite any UTV/ATV riders to join us for our meeting and/or for our rides. The rides meet on Mondays and Thursdays, at the Calente parking lot on the south side. Meet at 9:00 where a leader will tell you where the ride will go for the day. Bring your lunch and drinks. The Recycles UTV Friends next meeting will be March 12, 2024, hosted by Terry and Sandi Czichotzki and Bob and Sue Gluth. The meetings are always the 1st Tuesday of the month. 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. The Annual Desert Cleanup was February 15, 2024. There will be a recap on this event at the meeting. 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. We will be doing a ride for Veterans Wednesday, March 6th, so if you know a veteran who would like a ride into the desert. please call Jan Quade 608 751 7188. We need helmets for them so let Jan know if you have one we can use. Thank you to those who have signed up to drive them. They will see many things that are amazing.

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

Pickleball News

We welcome new people from all five parks to come to play Pickleball and there are players that will make time to teach you the game and the scoring if you want to learn. A donation of \$20 for the year is welcome from players in all parks. There is a Bulletin board on the fence that will give you information and you may sign up for times to play. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. are open play, meaning anyone can just show up and play. You may also talk to anyone at the court for more information. Playing Pickleball means meeting new friends and a lot of health benefits with sunshine, fresh air and exercise. Maureen Baier Ph. 319 230 5898 or e-mail maureenbaier@yahoo.com





ROCK CLUB CONTINUES BUSY SEASON

Cactus blooms and bird songs are starting to announce that spring is coming soon to the desert.

Rock Club members have been enjoying a busy season. On January 19, Jon Fleischer led a group of 21 rock-hounds on a hunt near Superior. Another field trip scheduled February 19th took the group on a rough trail where mine tailings included samples of Chrysocolla, Malachite, Azurite, Hematite, Quartz, Amethyst, and fluorescent Calcite in Quartz.

The Rock Stars met and completed a project February 1. The creative work combined using decorative rocks along with a Valentine's Day theme.

Education about the Lapidary equipment continues, as new members are continually joining the club. At latest count, membership stands at 55.

Lew Dawley and Don Murray recently conducted the training of a dozen enthusiastic members, teaching about operation, safety and maintenance of the various rock saws and polishers. Chuck Jones conducted three sessions of training during February for 11 people interested in using the Gunther Drill.

Planning is underway for the Rock Club's annual party, coming up sometime in March.

The next club meeting will be Thursday, March 7th at 3 p.m. in the FG Clubhouse. All residents are invited to come check it out.

ROCK ON!

FOR INFORMATION call MARGO SIEVERS 712-299-3501

HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE* 2023-2024

			Round Trip Hik	One Way	
Fridays		Difficulty	Length	Distance***	
February 2	Big Desert Loop/Poston Butte	moderate	5-6	0	
February 9	Willow Spring Loop	moderate	4.4	37	
February 16	Hawes Trial Loop	moderate	6.9	45	
February 23	Garden Valley	moderate	5.4	40	
March 1	Devils Canyon Trial	moderate	6.3	33	
March 8	Haunted Canyon	moderate	7.0	48	
March 15	AZ Trial @ Kelvin Hwy	moderate	4.0	36	
March 19	Final Get Together Barrios Pizza Hunt Hwy				



Contacts:

Teresa Allen 206-498-6057 Eleanor Vance 607-267-2675

- *Schedule subject change depending on road, weather and other conditions.
- **Share park fees
- ***Donations for rides (miles as listed above): 1-25 miles \$5.00, 26-49 miles \$7.00, 50+ miles \$9.00

Meet at Caliente Clubhouse by 8:00 <u>FRIDAY</u> am. Bring lunch or snack and plenty of water. Wear comfortable sturdy shoes or boots and clothing. Trekking poles recommended.

Note: Hiking, climbing and all outdoor activities are inherently dangerous. It is the participant's responsibility to obtain the skills and abilities to pursue our hikes.



FOOD AND FUN EVENT Dance-Eat-Enjoy

At the Annex

Tuesday, March 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.

Larry Pepin and The Country Classics

You are welcome to come to just enjoy the music.

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Questions? Call Al or Linda 715-267-6521



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Our next Five Parks Travel Club meeting will be on Tuesday March 19th from 6-8 at the Florence Gardens clubhouse. Come join us for more information.

Contact Linda Hurley bossdeh@aol.com-----480-577-7835

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.



GILA RIVER COMMUNITY CHAPEL

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500 PLAYERS



500 card games will be
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At the Annex.

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We hope to see you soon!

Tatting

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

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

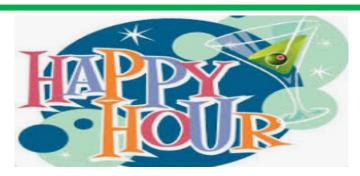
WHERE: FLORENCE GARDENS
CLUBHOUSE

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.





MONDAYS In the CLUBHOUSE from 4PM to 6PM

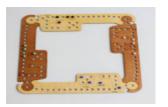
Please bring a snack to Share

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

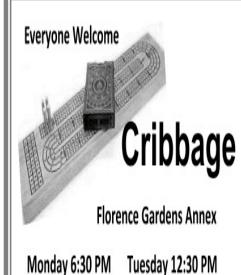


Thursdays at 12:45pm PM in the Annex

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



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!



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Questions call John Speers or Janet Gast @ 920-979-6283



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



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WHEN: Monday - Friday

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WHERE: Annex

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WEIGHTS

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WHERE: Big Pool

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Year Round Event

For more information

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Donna Pete @ (253)861-5658



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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

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Sunday Service 11:00 am

Florence Baptist Church

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Pastor Matthew & Edie Echols

Sunday School 9:00 am

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Sunday Evening Worship and Praise 6:00 pm

Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study 6:00 pm

www.florencebaptistchurch.com

Desert Hope Presbyterian Church

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Rev. John Johnson

Worship Services 10:00 am

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723-3845 The Fr. Philip Stowell

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Pastor Mark Hoffman

Service at 9:00 am Sunday

Gila River Chapel Church

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3543 N Caliente Blvd.

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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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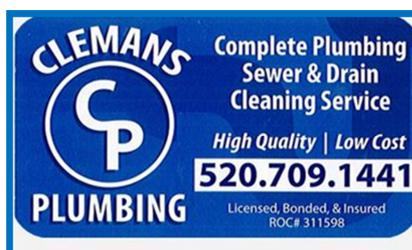
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SOLD	3721 N OHIO AVE	\$219,900	Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath, furnished home. Pergola in back.
SOLD	3611 N ILLINOIS	\$229,900	Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath,1905 sf partially furnished large shop or \$245,900 with extra lot
SOLD	3807 N OHIO AVE	\$163,900	2 bedrooms, 2 baths, AZ room partially furnished.
SOLD	3706 N IOWA AVE	\$239,900	Absolutely beautiful remodeled 3 bed, 2 bath home with Arizona room. Furnished & Exquisite!
SOLD	3816 N MONTANA AVE	\$239,900	Absolutely exquisite fully furnished home. Granite counters, new cabinets!
SOLD	3613 N ILLINOIS	\$30,000	Vacant lot with all utilities to property line.
SOLD	3827 N WISCONSIN AVE	\$179,900	Fully Furnished, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath with Arizona room.
SOLD	3730 N MINNESOTA AVE	\$219,900	Fully Furnished, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath home with large shop and lots of storage.
ACTIVE	3707 N IOWA AVE	\$265,000	Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on 2 lots! Gorgeous landscaping, split floorplan, furnished, large shop!
ACTIVE	3709 N KANSAS AVE	\$324,900	Brand new build - 2023 Champion home. 3 bedroom 2 baths, Absolutely beautiful!
SALE PENDING	3927 N LANCASTER CIR	\$299,900	Beautiful 2020 model 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with sunroom.
REDUCED	3713 N MONTANA AVE	\$229,900	Furnished 2 bedrooms, 2 bath home, 1344 sf, plus Arizona room, New flooring, wood laminate.
REDUCED	512 E PLAZA DEL SOL	\$158,900	Furnished park model- gorgeous, with Arizona room, New appliances.

REDUCED	3612 N IOWA AVE	\$238,900	Large 3 bedroom plus den, Arizona Room, fully furnished.
REDUCED	3802 N IOWA AVE	\$294,900	2 Lots with Large Garage, Beautiful Partially Furnished Home.
REDUCED	3919 N LANCASTER CIR	\$329,900	Absolutely gorgeous home on 2 lots with 2.5 car garage. 3 bedrooms plus den, 2 ½ baths. Granite countertops partially furnished.
NEW LISTING	3925 N COCONINO AVE	\$239,900	Beautiful 2 bedrooms, plus den, 2 baths, 1680 sf. Fully furnished remodeled home on top of the hill with views!
NEW LISTING	3732 N COLORADO AVE	\$285,900	Unbelievable home on the golf course with 2 plus garage. Fully furnished 2 bedroom, 2 baths plus Arizona room, 1765 sf.
NEW LISTING	109 E GILLA DR	\$79,900	Furnished park model with shed, with washer and dryer. Wonderful value!
NEW LISTING	501 PLAZA DEL SOL	\$159,000	Gorgeous park model furnished 2020 model, beautiful colors, large shed with laundry area.
NEW LISTING	418 & 415 OCOTILLO* *\$135,000 for just the home or \$35,000 for just	\$165,000 BOTH ust the lot on 415.	Beautiful remodeled park model, 2 bedroom, 1.5 baths, furnished, extra lot with covered parking & tuff shed.
NEW LISTING	3731 N KANSAS AVE	\$230,000	3 bedrooms, 2 bath with Arizona Room. Great corner lot, lots of parking.
NEW LISTING	3812 N NORTH DAKOTA	\$216,500	Great 2 bedrooms, 2 bath home. All appliances stay! Recently painted o inside and some furniture convey.
NEW LISTING	3707 N MICHIGAN AVE	\$47,900	Vacant lot! All utilities.
NEW LISTING	812, 814, 816 E CALIFORNIA	\$49,500 EACH	3 lots at top of the hill, great views!
NEW LISTING	3726 N KANSAS AVE	\$44,500	Great lot and ready for your home plans!
NEW LISTING	705 E PINAL WAY	\$349,900	Absolutely beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, gorgeous back patio, close to clubhouse.
NEW LISTING	3823 N NORTH DAKOTA AVE	\$229,900	2 Bath furnished home, new flooring, new metal roof, large patio.
NEW LISTING	420 E FIESTO DEL SOL	\$164,900	Furnished park model, 2021 model, beautiful! Large shed/man cave, patio.
NEW LISTING	811 E WASHINGTON ST	\$260,000	Gorgeous home on the golf course. Fully furnished. 2 bedroom plus den, 2 baths, fenced yard!
NEW LISTING	3600 N NORTH DAKOTA	\$44,500	Lot on corner, all utilities to the lot! Owner will carry loan.
NEW LISTING	510 E PLAZA DEL SOL	\$78,900	Vacant lot with large shed with laundry and covered awning.
NEW LISTING	3605 N NORTH DAKOTA	\$297,500	3 bedroom 2 bath home with upgraded laminate floors, stainless appliances.

Corned beef and cabbage with horseradish sauce



INGREDIENTS

- corned beef brisket
- oil
- beef broth
- · whole grain mustard
- garlic
- onion

- whole peppercorns
- fresh thyme
- · bay leaves
- carrots
- butter
- · green cabbage

- kosher salt
- Roasted red potatoes
- Horseradish Sauce
- parsley and or chives to garnish

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Sear beef
- Add to slow cooker for 5-7 hours
- 3. Add carrots and cook for another 1-2 hours
- Saute cabbage in butter, then slow cook 30-60 minutes
- 5. Roast potatoes in the oven
- Serve with Horseradish sauce!



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Join us for a client appreciation party food, music, & fun! Thursday, March 28 - 12-2PM

March Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Tech Time 1pm CR Bingo 6pm CH	2 Saturday Morning Coffee & Donuts 7am CH
3	4 Happy Hour 4pm CH	5	6 FG Corned Beef Dinner \$6 5pm CH	7	8 Bingo 6pm CH	9 Saturday Morning Coffee & Donuts 7am CH 5th Annual Variety Show
10 5th Annual Variety Show 2pm CH	11 Happy Hour 4pm CH	12	13 Share A Dish 4pm	14 Quilt Show 9am to 2:30pm CH	15 Bingo 6pm CH	16 Saturday Morning Coffee & Donuts 7am CH Crafts & More Show 8am CH Willie Nelson/ Johnny Cash Tribute \$10
17 FG Movie Night 6pm CH Happy St. Patty's Day	18 Happy Hour 4pm CH	19	20 Share A Dish 4pm	21 American Red Cross Blood Drive 8:30am CH	22 Community Yard Sale 8am Bingo 6pm CH	23 Saturday Morning Coffee & Donuts 7am CH Community Yard Sale 8am
24	25 Happy Hour 4pm CH	26 5 Park Singers Easter Show 2:30pm CH	27 FG Ribs Dinner 5pm CH \$6	28	Volunteer Appreciation Lunch 11:30am Bingo 6pm CH	30 Saturday Morning Coffee & Donuts 7am CH Elvis @ FG 6pm to 8pm CH \$10
31Sundaes on Sunday 1-3pm						

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Welcoming Committee Meeting 9- 10am	2
3	ARC 9am CR BOC Committee Meeting 9:30am CH	Kitchen Committee Meeting 10am CH	6	7	8 Gardening & Landscaping Comm Meet 1pm Annex	9
10	11 ARC 9am CR	12 Activities Comm Meeting 9:30am CR Decorating Comm. Meeting 10:30am CR Strategic Planning Comm. Meeting 11am to 12:30pm	Documents Comm. Meeting 9-9:45am Board Meeting 10 am CH	14	15	16
17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!!	18 ARC 9am CR Finance Comm Meeting 10am CR	19	Documents Comm. Meeting 9-11am Town Hall Meeting 10am CH	21	22	23
24	25 ARC 9am CR	26	27 Documents Comm. Meeting 9-9:45am Board Meeting 10am CH		29	30
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