

Garden Talk

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**Board Meetings will be on
March 10th & 24th 2021 10 am**

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Monday-Friday

9:00 am—4:00 pm

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**Deadline for submitting
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***Anything turned in after
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President's Letter, March 2021

Dear Members,

March has arrived and spring is just around the corner. We're beginning to see signs of spring flowers, always a positive sign of renewal. By now, many of us have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine and we're looking forward to the time when we can resume at least a semblance of our former lives. As an Association, we're beginning to reopen our common areas for use by our members; and your board is hoping that all restrictions will be lifted in the next few months. In the meantime, we continue to CDC guidelines and directives from our Governor.

As you're aware, Bill Johnston has resumed his informal newsletter that allows members to vent their frustrations with the Board and with HOAMCO relative to compliance, as well as any other complaint that you have. While we'd prefer that you'd express your concerns to us directly via email, phone, letter or at board meetings; he has every right to publish this and you have a right to contribute to it. I would love to see more of you participate in our ZOOM Board meetings so that we could respond to your concerns promptly. If you're computer literate enough to read and contribute to *The Garden Inquirer*, then you're savvy enough to be able to participate in the ZOOM meetings. It really is easy—just a couple of clicks. The Board is always open to your comments relative to the operation of Florence Gardens. While we may not always be able to give you what you want, we're willing to hear what you have to say, and take the time to work out the problems with the understanding that we must act in accordance with our member agreed upon community documents. I'd like to respond to the comment from a recent contributor to *The Garden Inquirer* where the writer said that the Board's "focus seems to be on making Florence Gardens into an upscale housing development". If that means that by enforcing our CC&Rs relative to weed, debris and clutter to keep our community attractive and well-maintained to preserve owner property values, as per our mission, then your board pleads guilty. As I write this letter, I have no idea of what is meant by "common-sense enforcement" of the CC&Rs as written in *The Garden Inquirer*. As your board, we're charged with ensuring that we're in compliance with member agreed upon community documents; and that we're not selective nor discriminatory regarding compliance (ie: everyone is treated the same). We are always willing to work with residents who are striving to bring their properties into compliance by giving them a list of those persons who will tend to weed, watering and debris removal for a nominal fee. We encourage anyone who provides this service within Florence Gardens to submit your information, including fee schedule to the office so that you can be added to the list. Additionally, we're compiling a list

of volunteers who are willing to assist physically incapacitated individuals, who cannot afford to pay. If you're willing to assist in such a manner, please submit your name and contact information to the office.

In reference to our pools: There has been recent concern expressed about the fact that the only beverage allowed at our pools is water in a plastic bottle. This is a long-standing rule of Florence Gardens, and it is posted at the pool. We are still under the COVID restriction that no visitors are allowed at the pool. We realize that this may be considered overly restrictive given the fact that spring break will soon be here, and grandchildren and their parents may be visiting. Of course, they're coming from someplace cold and they want to use the pool. I wish that it could be different, but until there is better control of the virus, we remain a vulnerable community; and it's our responsibility to keep our members as safe as possible.

You are also reminded to bring or wear your name tags at the pool. While it is encouraged when you're in any of the common areas, it's mandatory at the pool. This is not a new rule—it's been in effect for many years. We don't want to place our members in the position of policing each other relative to the right to use the pools.

I agree with the writers who recently contributed to *The Garden Inquirer* and to the recent email blast that it would be desirable to have more of our community members' step forward to assist with governance by running for a position on the Board of Directors. I'm always puzzled when someone is critical of the job the board is doing, and then says, "I would never run for the board". They cite reasons such as "too hard", "too much time" and "too much hassle". While your current Board is willing to serve this community for our elected terms, there isn't one of us who want to serve on the Board in perpetuity. There are board members terms that expire each year. At that time, current board members can run for re-election or simply go back to living their lives as retired persons. We encourage you to consider applying to become a member of the Board when we hold our annual election in 2022. If you are interested and need more information, please feel free to talk to any of the current board members. We'd be happy to answer your questions. Please understand that there is not one of us on this board who is on a power trip. All we want to do is the best that we can to serve our community, to make our community safe, and to protect our property values.

Finally and on behalf of your Board of Directors, I'd like to express our appreciation to those of you who have reached out with encouragement and support in the last few weeks.

Sincerely,

Sharon Lee, President, FGMHA Board

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MANAGER

Thank you to the Annual Meeting Committee & the Election Committee for their help and time volunteered for the 2021 Annual Meeting. Both committees did an amazing job. Currently, we are working on putting together a list of owners here in the park willing to do work for a small fee for our owners who are away for some time during the year. If you are an owner who is interested, please come in and fill out an application. Compliance continues to make improvement in our park, thank you to all of our owners for complying with the CC&Rs. Together you all make Florence Gardens a beautiful community.

Compliance Summary:

Report from January 21 – February 15

Open Violations - 21

11 courtesy notices (2 debris, 1 unauthorized repairs, 2 storage, 6 utility trailers)

0 1st non-compliance notices with \$25.00 fine

0 2nd non-compliance notices with \$50.00 fine

1 3rd non-compliance notices with \$100.00 fine (1 arc. not approved)

9 4th non-compliance notices with \$100.00 fine (1 age restriction, 5 weeds, 1 plants overgrown, 2 debris)

Closed out – 7.

2 – Animals

3 – Storage

2 – Utility Trailers



Communication is an extremely important part of our community. Thank you to all who responded to our email blast that went out earlier this week. We appreciate all the feedback with wonderful suggestions in a constructive and positive manner. E-mails, website www.fgmha.com, and Garden Talk are great tools to communicate out to our members. If you need help accessing any of those tools, please reach out.

Side note, yesterday a perspective buyer stopped by the FGMHA office and was so impressed by how beautiful our community is. She said she drove around and saw some very nice houses with different landscaping features. This is what we want, this is our community, we want people to see it and say great and positive things about it.

Please keep in mind the Association's governing documents CC&Rs, By-laws, rules and regulations and policies have been set many years ago. Changes do occur from time to time but that does not change the fact that they are enforceable. The difference in today's time is they are actually being enforced.

There have been some questions in regards to fines, violations, hearings, appeals, etc. Here are the questions with the answers as provided today in an open Board meeting.

1. Who has the authority to waive a fine and conduct hearings? At the Annual Member Meeting I understood the President to say that responsibility has been delegated to you, the Manager. Is that correct?
 - a. Policy 1-13 under Enforcement Procedure and Fine Schedule. The board of directors has the authority to waive fines; they allow the manager discretion to work with any owner of the community in regards to violation notice who reaches out for an acceptable solution to rectify the compliance issue. The Board of Directors did pass a more clear resolution giving the manager the discretion to waive fines. You have the right to appeal any violation to the Board of Directors at any given point if issue has not been resolved with manager.
2. How many fines have been waived and by whom during the past 18 months or so?
 - a. \$7,400 by manager
3. What is our fee schedule for assessing fines?
 - a. Board policy 1-13 explains fee schedule. In summary here it is:

- i. Courtesy notice no fine 21 days to remedy or appeal violation
 - ii. 2nd notice \$25.00 applied 14 days to remedy or appeal violation
 - iii. 3rd notice \$50.00 applied 14 days to remedy or appeal violation
 - iv. 4th notice \$100.00 applied 14 days to remedy or appeal violation
 - v. Continuing violation without resolution after the fourth violation \$100.00 fine shall be automatically assessed EVERY FOURTEEN (14) days until violation is resolved. In addition, the Board of Directors shall have the right to take legal action to compel the Owner to remedy the violation.
4. Finally, how many hearings have been held and by whom during the past 18 months or so?
- a. 4 requested and have all been heard by the Board of Directors

I understand it may be upsetting to receive a violation notice; however the staff is willing to work with you in a positive and constructive manner to help resolve the problem. If any property in out of compliance within our Association's governing documents it is a duty we have to enforce. While we understand mistakes can happen, call the office this can easily be fixed.

This is how the violation process works. If you receive a violation here are the steps and owner can take:

- A courtesy notice will be sent out via mail. Here is something new for a change: if there is an e-mail address on file, the violation will also be emailed out as a courtesy.
- A courtesy notice gives you 21 days to remedy the violation with NO FINE. This intent of this letter is to remind you that your property is out of compliance in accordance with our CC&Rs.
- You have the option to call the office and ask for a reasonable accommodation plan/extension while you work on resolving the problem.
- If violation(s) is taken care off, please call the office and the violation(s) will be closed out. Otherwise at the next inspection if violation has been remedied it will be closed out.
- If after a courtesy notice has been sent out and the violation(s) have not been remedied or appealed the fine schedule will continue.

- AGAIN, you have the right to appeal any violation to the Board of Directors at any given point if issue has not been resolved with manager.

Here are some new things happening in the near future:

- You will still receive a letter in the mail because the law requires us to give written notice. However, violations will also be sent out via email if an email is available as an extra courtesy.
- We are working on reconstructing the violation letters to be a little more clear and helpful for owners to understand. For example: bigger pictures, making the type of violation (**COURTESY NOTICE**) in a bigger size font, telling you what to do if the violation is resolved (call the office, come in, etc.)
- Board packets will be available in detail to the members. Join us at meetings and follow right along. Although, please remember :
Homeowners are asked to follow the Board to conduct the HOA business without interruptions. Per A.R.S. 33-1248 homeowners will have the opportunity to speak after the Board has motioned with a second on a specific agenda items and prior to the Board voting on the motion or during the open homeowner forum. During homeowner forum, each homeowner will be allowed up to five (5) minutes to address the Board.
- We plan to put a list together that will be available to our membership upon request of people within our community willing to do watering, cleaning up weeds/debris, watching out for their house, etc. while they are away for a fee. If you are a member here who is interested in helping out a member in need of these services, please come in a fill out an application with your information of how you may be contacted.

The main purpose is to help all of our members to know we are here for you not against you. While you may or may not understand, we all have duties we are forced to enforce by law and remember, please be kind we are trying our best.

Thank You,

Yasmin Rodriguez

FOOD TRUCKS

Florence Gardens Food Trucks will be here every Tuesday in February from 4pm—6pm in front of the Club House.

2nd -- Rack and Balls
9th -- When Pigs Fly
16th -- To Be Announced
23rd -- It's Seoul Good
29th -- When Pigs Fly



For all updates on the food trucks please go to our website at www.fgmha.com under Events. They are subject to change whether we are adding more or swapping trucks as things do come up from time to time. We are looking for lunch and dessert trucks as well. So stay up to date by going to the Florence Gardens website.

IN MY OPINION....

We just held our annual meeting and board elections. Of the 1200 eligible votes available, only 399 ballots were cast in that election. Yes, that met the requirements for a quorum, but I think that was a sad voter turnout for this community. Many could not be bothered to vote. And yet there is a faction in our community that wants to criticize our board and HOAMCO because things aren't going their way.

Our Board of Directors work well together and with HOAMCO. They make certain we are not in violation of the IRS, federal law and Arizona statutes. They do not violate our governing documents by overspending. They are working to maintain and improve our facilities and to improve our financial position for the future. HOAMCO staff tries hard to find activities for us to enjoy, in keeping with current lockdown restrictions.

To those who like to complain about the board, you are free to run as a legitimate candidate for a board position in the next annual election. Complete the necessary paperwork and explain your qualifications, views and ideas to the membership. Then our members can decide with their votes if they find you qualified to serve.

To those who like to complain about HOAMCO staff, look first at yourself. What is your attitude when you speak to them? Are you angry and defensive because you received a violation letter? A respectful conversation from you will ensure a respectful conversation in return.

These statements are just my opinion. Your opinion may be different.

Betty Sayne

Annual Meeting Committee members Mary Ann Keaveney, Ann Schlicht,
Peggy Waterman and Judy Parsons Thank You for Joining the
1st Annual Meeting of Members Via Zoom

The Annual Meeting was on February 9, 2021 and we made it through Florence Gardens' first Zoom experience for this type of meeting. MAY it be the last, but in case it has to happen again, lessons have been learned.

Thank you to the 44 people who signed in. I thought I saw a 48 at one time but that may have been wishful thinking. I made it through most of my prepared script. Same as last year, you should have received copies of the reports via an e-blast. Thank you Yasmin for that and for the Holiday "fun show" and for slow walking me and all of us through the Zoom experience.

Another big thank you to the Rock Stars with "Stayin' Inside". All of these items are available on the www.fgmha.com website.

While this meeting is still fresh in everyone's thoughts, ideas for what you as members would like to see/hear happen at the 2022 Annual Meeting of Members would be more than welcome. Ideas for a regular meeting and the "oh no" not another Zoom Annual Meeting. All ideas will be welcome and discussed.

New committee members are also needed.

Judy Parsons, Chair, Annual Meeting Committee 2020-2021

Name Badge

Florence Gardens members are required to wear a name badge at the pool. Blue badges indicate renters/residents. White badges indicate owners. If you have not registered, please come in to the office and register. At the moment no guests are allowed.

Thank you,
Management



Is spring and warm weather somewhere around corner? Appears that way and that means more walking and bicycling on our town streets. Please walk facing the traffic and bike with the traffic. And Stop Signs are Stop Signs.

The rhythm of Florence Gardens continues in spite of Covid-19. Deadlines must be met, bills must be paid, maintenance and cleaning of buildings and pool areas are essential. The FGMHA committees need to consider sending their listing of members in for reappointment and maybe a new committee member application. And do not forget the process of scheduling the meeting room and dates.

The fund raising activities coordinators also need to schedule their events as well as all the other groups. There are crafting and sewing groups, exercise and musical groups, card and game players who normally use a space. Please schedule your time and event. Do not take it for granted that just because you had your event always scheduled at a certain time, it will be okay. Fill out the paperwork and ask for a copy. Please complete the paperwork before you leave this spring – be prepared for a better Fall 2021!

All of this is the rhythm of FGMHA, before, during and after Covid-19. Looking forward to utilizing the newly discussed sound system at the first board meeting and the first special event or activity.

Stay in touch, visit the www.fgmha.com website, attend Zoom meetings, check out the kiosks and enjoy our world. The desert should begin to bloom and there is nothing like desert flowers especially after the smell of desert rain.

We want to be ready for when the pandemic guidelines become less restrictive so we must keep up the “rhythm of FGMHA”.

Submitted by Judy Parsons, 520-975-4120



DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE –March 2021 Garden Talk

The Documents Committee has been meeting Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. There is a possibility that the time could change if we get a couple new members with a preference to a different time. The meeting times will be scheduled for the conference room within the next month.

The work project involves revisions to Policies, Bylaws and Section A of Rules and Regulations. We discuss OUR homeowners association and need input from everyone, not just the committee.

IF you are thinking about joining this Committee, please let me know, fill out a form in the office lobby and leave it at the office or drop it off at my house. The standing committee members are reappointed every year after the Annual Meeting, but additional members may be added at any time.

We also have conference calls on my phone and have had good communication and results. If you want to add something to the discussion, please contact me ahead of time. We can get you in on the conversation.

It would be beneficial to have one or two more members; will YOU accept the challenge for one year?

Current members are: Walt Blum, Mary Ann Keaveney, Betty Sayne and Judy Parsons.

Submitted by Judy Parsons, Committee Chair and Secretary
Email: [judydennisp@gmail](mailto:judydennisp@gmail.com), Verizon cell 520-975-4120

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Submitted by Judy Parsons, Committee Chair

Verizon cell: 520-975-4120

e-mail: judydennisp@gmail.com

March 2021: Our situation is still the same, COVID-19 and lock down.

Remember, once you register at the FGMHA office, your name will be on our listing. We will make every attempt to make contact as soon as possible and within COVID-19 guidelines. It may not be this season, but have patience.

We are requesting one or two new members ASAP because we may be able to start in April to deliver/drop off some welcoming packets. A couple more people would make that process faster and easier for everyone. If you are interested in giving this committee a try, now is the time. Fill out a form in the office lobby and leave it at the office or drop it off at my house.

Thank you for thinking about joining the Welcoming Committee. Again, stay happy, healthy and safe throughout this challenging situation

Dear friends of Florence Gardens:

Judy will be sorely missed as she loved this community and helping anyone within.

The thoughts, prayers and condolences that everyone has shown to us has meant so much and we cannot thank you enough for that.

Thank you for all the love and support.

The Family of Judy Weber



FOR OUR NEW HOMEOWNERS-REVISITING FEBRUARY 2019

With so many new homeowners coming in we feel that it is necessary to revisit the issues. As many of you already know, we had a serious problem arise in the desert west of our RV Storage Yard this past February. Someone took the liberty of dumping brush there. That is littering for starters, but some of the brush that was dumped was oleander. For the uninformed, oleander is poisonous to all animals and humans also. In this case, some of the cattle grazing in that pasture ate some of the leaves. The result----7 DEAD CALVES/COWS! For all of us this is a sad situation. For the rancher---he has 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. This plant is not native to the Midwest, the Northern states, or Canada where many of us come from. When 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 first Wed of every month by RAD, our collection service. You can also haul your own brush, etc to the landfill. You must have a copy of last month's city bill showing your name and also a picture ID. Hours are 7AM-3PM.

If you are enjoying yourself in the west desert for whatever reason---keep your eyes open. If you see someone dumping brush/debris do not endanger yourself, but get their license/description of vehicle if possible and call Pinal County Sheriff at 520-866-5111.

Thank you for caring.

The Moore's



This month we are thrilled to announce, “Peggy Waterman” as our February Volunteer of the Month! Thank you for the continuous contribution of volunteer time you provide to our community. After the holidays, Peggy helped with taking down Christmas Decorations here in the park. Peggy volunteered her time helping with the 2021 Annual Meeting. Last minute, Peggy submitted an application to be on the Election Committee to help count ballots. This is a special way to say thank you to you for your dedication of energy to our Association; we appreciate it.

Have you seen someone out there, go above and beyond to help another person by volunteering themselves? No task is too big or too small to get recognized. We invite you to nominate next months, Volunteer of the Month, by submitting a nomination form, which can be picked up at the office or emailed to you by request. Help us show appreciation towards our volunteers, as they work hard to contribute to Florence Gardens.

SLOW DOWN

There have been many complaints in regards to speeding, not coming to a complete stop at stop signs, not stopping and looking both ways before backing out of driveways.

The speed limit throughout the community is 25 mph.

Please do not exceed the speed limit, make sure to a complete stop at stop signs, watch for walkers, cyclists, golf carts & pets.



Rock Table is on auction

FG members are encouraged to drop into the office to view this table which has been a recent project of the Rock Club. Until mid-March, it will be displayed and accepting silent bids as a fundraiser for the club. It is just one example of the great many beautiful, creative projects that can be made with rocks.

The 4 x 2 foot table was donated by a Rock Club member and Rock Stars worked to create the beautiful tabletop which is finished with a display of hand-picked desert rocks and sealed with a protective coat of clear resin. Although the finish is strong, it may be better suited to keeping on a sheltered patio rather than fully exposed to the elements.

Silent Auction bidding sheets are available on the window ledge in the office. Bids start at \$300, and will be accepted [until 4 p.m. on March 15.](#)

Thanks to everyone for your support of the Florence Gardens Rock Club!



NEIGHBORS AVAILABLE TO LIFT THINGS OR DO WHATEVER

Some returning neighbors might not be aware of the unofficial initiative that kicked off a few months ago, 'Neighbors Helping Neighbors'. If any resident needs help lifting or moving something, you can call Mike Shevock at 603-531-3320. He'll make sure a couple guys in work gloves and Covid masks show up to help you out. This is not a service of the HOA. The volunteers are not insured, bonded, trained, skilled or compensated. They are not carpenters or handymen; they just lift things. This is just a convenient method of getting a couple friends to show up at your door to provide hands that pick things up and put them down. The initial response has been better than expected, and we hope to keep it going.

We'd like to expand the concept of Neighbors Helping Neighbors to form an informal support group for neighbors who have suffered a loss. Anyone who might be interested in participating in such a group is invited to call Mike at the number listed above.

Thank You!

I wish to thank all those that attended Duane's memorial. The sun shone and the wind stayed away. Many thanks to Mike and Shirley Callahan for their garage and all their help. That worked out well. Thank you to Cheryle and Bob, Ron and Kit, Ed and Shirley, Nancy and Lucy, Lew and Marilyn for their participation. Having wonderful friends in Florence Gardens means so much, a wonderful place to live.

Bev Oveson



Announcing the passing of **Lois Kuder**, at the age of 101.

Lois was a Pioneer of Caliente/ Florence Gardens, moving to Caliente 1n 1976 with her husband Art. She later installed a new home on Florence Blvd in Florence, Gardens. She was active in the hiking club, swimmercise with buddy Gladys Anderson, clubhouse meals, White Elephant sale, and always, bingo.

'The kids', Tom & Linda Kaiser are second generation here.

To the Residents of Florence Gardens

Re: Residents/Board Concerns:

The past year has been very trying to all. With COVID we have not been able to have social events, use the facilities, have open meetings, or generally socialize. It has been extremely difficult for all more so for our Board of Directors and the Manager. At the Governor's directive they had to move all meetings to Zoom. This precluded many or most of our residents to not participate in the meetings. This makes for many rumors and miss information!

I believe that Board of Directors and Manager have done an excellent job in dealing with the situation that they were dealt. Was it done in a perfect manner, NO! Were the communications great, NO! Under the circumstances I believe that they have abided by the Governor's directive.

A couple of points that should be of interest:

The Associations finances are in the best shape that they have been in recent history if not ever! Not my opinion our CPA has verbally stated this!

The Association Reserve funding is in the best shape ever!

A question?

If residents were so concerned about the way the Board of Directors have been doing their jobs, why were there no candidates running for office in the election less than a month ago?

I could go into other areas that have been put forth but will leave you with this thought!

We have had some exceedingly difficult times of late.

WHY NOT ALL OF US WORK TOGETHER TO HELP EACH OTHER THOUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME!

Russ Neville

Florence Gardens Homeowner

Come join us (men and women) for

Water Aerobics

Using Billy Jo's "Wet and Wonderful" CD.

M/T/Th/F

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Lap Pool

Call Nancy Stanton 206-979-7175

Happy Hour

On Hold

HAPPY HOUR ON MONDAYS 4 TO 6 PM

December: Same as previous months. Our Monday afternoon delights are on hold for the remainder of the coronavirus disruption. Stay safe and collect goodie recipes for when we meet again!

Remember: BYOB rules will continue to apply.

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, thoughts and prayers in memory of Ken Nelson. You have truly been my support group while I am in Colorado.

~Renie MacConnie

thank
you!

MILITARY WALL

Have you or someone very close to you served in the Military? Florence Gardens would like to recognize and honor those that have served within different branches of the Military. Our Military Honor Wall, has not been updated for awhile, and we would like to update it to honor those that proudly served our country. If you have a photo you'd like us to display on the Military Honor Wall, we invite you to bring your picture to the office. Please be sure to include your name, branch of the military and the years you served within the military. We look forward to updating our wall, to honor those that served to provide us with the freedoms we freely enjoy!



SECOND SOUTHWEST ART EXHIBIT AND SALE.

ONE DAY SALE... Saturday, March 20, from 9 AM to 1 PM. 3704 No. South Dakota Avenue, Florence Gardens.

LOCAL ARTISANS.

CASH OR CHECKS.

PRACTICING COVID SAFETY: masks required, distance, sanitizer available

Bonnie Towne, Margo Sievers Alice Ker

Common Areas

A friendly reminder that our Pool and outdoor activities are for members only due to COVID. No guests are allowed at this present time. Thank you again for your cooperation during this time.



POKER, Poker, poker When???

Do You Remember Poker???

Submitted by Dennis Parsons

March 2021: Same situation, all poker games and tournaments are on hold for the remainder of the coronavirus disruption. Stay safe and keep your mind sharp for whenever we are able to return to playing cards.

If the situation changes after the Garden MarchTalk is published, there will be notifications on the bulletin boards and phone calls.

Please contact Dennis Parsons at 520-975-6653 for more information.



WATER EXERCISE

using bars and water weights

M - F

8:30 a.m. in the summer

9:00 a.m. in the winter

In the "Big Pool"

Please join us!



Euchre will discontinue until further notice due to Covid

Friendly Reminders

If you have a place in the RV Storage Lot, please be sure to swing by the office to get stickers on each item you are storing on your lot. Compliance is being done in the RV Storage Lot, and it's important that we have each vehicle/trailer/boat etc. registered at the office. Special thank you to those that have already come by to get their stickers to remain in compliance. We appreciate your efforts to keep us updated!

Library—If you're wanting to visit the library to check out a book or puzzle please call the office at least a day in advance to schedule an appointment.

Florence Gardens Office 520-868-4770

If you're needing to park your RV or Trailer at your house even for loading or unloading please make sure to stop by the office to get a RV Permit for up to 10 days.



Stitches For Kids

Looking for someone to continue the Stitches For Kids sewing group. Our goal is making easy sew clothes for kids in need in our community. Also men's & women's clothes from the VA. There are several organizations we donate to such as Head Start in Florence & Coolidge, Mary C. O'Brian, Women's Abuse, Caliente Clowns, needy families in our community, etc.

This is on Mondays at the clubhouse craft room at 12:30 once we are opened up again.

You may call Shirley Callahan at 907-223-5199 for further information.



Please pick up after your dog—even small dogs leave messes!

Dogs must be on a leash when off your property. If your dog can't be trusted to stay on your property, then it must be on a leash.



If you're needing to get a bag of ice after the office hours please call

Judy Weber at 708-341-9514

She's available from 4-7pm

Also available on weekends until 7pm



Florence Schools

At the front office there is a small blue drop bin at the window counter for old Box Tops, new scannable Box Tops with receipts, Coke product plastic caps, & the flaps on 12 and 24 packs of **COKE** products for Florence K-8 School & Soda Can Tabs for the Vets. These are extra fun and activity funds for the kids that aren't in the school budget.

If you have any of these you'd like to donate please come down and drop them in!

THEY ARE NO LONGER COLLECTING CAMPBELL'S LABELS



Fellow Hikers,

After a discussion with personnel from Florence Gardens, Caliente, and other Hiking Groups in the Valley I am canceling all hikes for the months of January, February, and March 2021 due to the Covid-19 virus pandemic.

We have some potential sources of transmission. They are

1. When we sign up for that week's hike
2. Carpooling (CDC says carpooling is a potential super spreader event.)
3. Group pictures (Easy to remedy...No group picture)

So, in the ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION, I am canceling the 2020-21 Season hikes.

I will come up with a 2021-22 Hiking Schedule and send it to newsletters and club members.

Stay Safe, Healthy, and see you in the fall of 2021.

Jon Fleischer



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Churches in the Area



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Rev. Steve Williams

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

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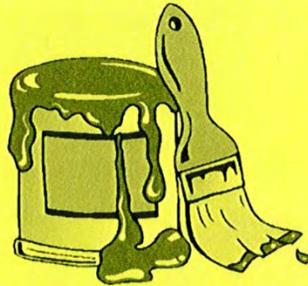
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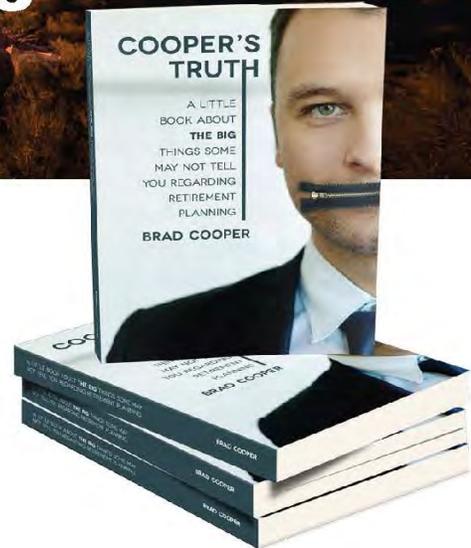


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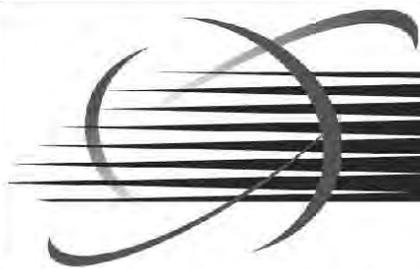
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\$45,000	\$4,500	\$22,500	\$9,000	\$100,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$232
\$55,000	\$5,500	\$27,500	\$11,000	\$100,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$264
\$65,000	\$6,500	\$32,500	\$13,000	\$100,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$294
\$75,000	\$7,500	\$37,500	\$15,000	\$100,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$321
\$85,000	\$8,500	\$42,500	\$17,000	\$100,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$347
\$95,000	\$9,500	\$47,500	\$19,000	\$100,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$380

*** prices subject to change \$20K minimum value; older mobiles ok; lower & higher valued homes acceptable.

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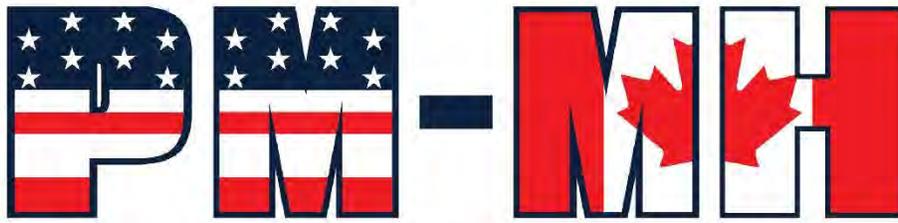


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Personal Contents	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Additional Living Expenses	\$11,000	\$17,000	\$21,000	\$24,000
Personal Liability	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Premium Per Year	\$295	\$366	\$447	\$485

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Above is a brief illustration of current rates for a 2000 park model or manufactured home located in a +55 Senior Park. Rates may vary due to age of customer, age or location of home. Annual premiums for newer homes may be lower and homes older than 2000 can still be insured at a slightly higher rate.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
An owl wearing a green leprechaun hat with a shamrock on the band.	1 Architectural Committee Mtg. 9am	2 Food Truck Rack & Balls 4-6pm at the Club House	3 A smiling green clover wearing a leprechaun hat.	4 A stylized green harp with a shamrock.	5 A green top hat with a black band and a gold buckle.	6 A leprechaun in a green suit holding a pot of gold.
7	8 Architectural Committee Mtg. 9am A green pot of gold overflowing with gold coins.	9 Food Truck 4-6pm at the Club House	10 Board Mtg 10 am A brown dog wearing a green leprechaun hat.	11 Documents Committee Mtg. 9am	12 A green shamrock plant growing out of a green top hat.	13
14 A leprechaun sitting on a large green shamrock.	15 Architectural Committee Mtg. 9am A green top hat with a black band and a gold buckle.	16 Food Truck To Be Announced 4-6pm at the Club House	17 A circular wreath of green leaves with the text "Happy St. Patrick's Day" in the center.	18 Documents Committee Mtg. 9am	19	20 A leprechaun holding a large green shamrock.
21 A glass mug filled with green beer and a slice of lime.	22 Architectural Committee Mtg. 9am Finance Committee Budget Workshop 10am	23 Food Truck It's Seoul Good 4-6pm at the Club House	24 Board Mtg 10 am A leprechaun with a red beard wearing a green top hat and smoking a pipe.	25 Documents Committee Mtg. 9am	26 A leprechaun peeking over a green top hat.	27 A green top hat with a black band and a gold buckle.
28 A black pot of gold overflowing with gold coins and green clovers.	29 Architectural Committee Mtg. 9am A large green shamrock with a gold outline.	30 Food Truck When Pigs Fly 4-6pm at the Club House	31 A leprechaun holding a green shamrock.	Three leprechauns in green suits and hats, one holding a shamrock, one holding a heart with a shamrock, and one holding a shamrock.		