

# Garden Variety

Newsletter of the Palm Gardens Activity Association

**May 2026**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Joe Vitiritto, President

Hello Everyone,

Thanks to all the volunteers that make this Association run so smoothly. We have a lot of residents who really work hard to make all of our activities so much fun. We are trying to make this Park one of the best in the East Valley so, thanks again to all the volunteers. You really rocked the whole year.

If you have ideas for new events to do in the Park, please let a Board Member know and maybe we can start some new activities.

Many of the residents have left Palm Gardens and many more are leaving in May. Safe travels and we will see you in the Fall or right after the first of the year. Have a great summer.

Regards, Joe

Happy trails to you, until we meet again,

Happy trails to you, keep smilin' until then.

Who care about the clouds when we're together?

Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.

Happy trails to you, 'till we meet again!



If you are a new resident or just coming back from a long stay away, contact Ronnie Vitiritto, 515-238-9075, or Jan Opp 480-494-7231, who represent our Welcome Committee. They are here to extend a warm greeting, provide information about community events and activities and encourage you to participate and connect with other residents. You can even find out about volunteer opportunities. Contact the knowledgeable Welcome Committee members here once you get established.



Recycling

### **RECYCLING THURSDAY AM**

Your volunteer recycling team picks up aluminum cans and PET1 or PETE **clear** plastic bottles (without caps) from your container or bag at the curb by **6:30 AM Thursday mornings or preferably the night before**. Help us to help you by following our simple rules. **PLEASE REMOVE THE TABS FROM YOUR CANS!** You can put them in the box at the SH for donation to the **Ronald McDonald House**. **Please no milk cartons or opaque plastic bottles.**

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## **SPECIAL REMINDER**



PLEASE take down your tattered flags. Leaving them up when damaged is disrespectful. You can dispose of them at most Home Depot stores. Thank you. Bob Foley



Norm Hobbs  
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*"True friends are the ones who never leave your heart, even if they leave your life for a while."*



## **PALM GARDENS ACTIVITY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov 10th at 11:00am in the South Hall. Everyone is welcome.

*What's the difference between a cat and a comma? A cat has claws at the end of paws and a comma is a pause at the end of a clause.*

## **NOTICE**

At the most recent Board Meeting it was decided to start charging \$1.00 for "to-go" boxes during Association functions. This will **NOT** apply to shut-in meals. Shut-in meals are only for those residents who physically cannot attend a function. You are always welcome to bring your own "to-go" box. This charge will go into effect beginning with the Memorial Day dinner.

## **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**



The next Ice Cream Socials will be Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm in the South Hall. This is all you can eat for \$2.00! In addition, we will have live entertainment at the May 7<sup>th</sup> social from 5:45-8:00pm.

## **THREE-MILE WALK**



Our 3-mile walk class will be on Mon/Wed/Fri at 8:15am beginning on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the South Hall. For questions, see Mona Jones 480-265-5277 or , sp 690.

## **SUMMER GRILL & CHILL WEDNESDAY'S at 4PM**



Burgers - May 6<sup>th</sup>  
Hot dogs/Brats - May 20<sup>th</sup>

**Please make sure to sign up for all summer grill nights at the South Hall bulletin board so we can get an accurate count.**

Service will be from 4pm-5pm.

Meals include: meat, chips, dessert & toppings starting at \$5.00. What a great deal!! Drinks are \$1.00.

Contact Cindy Lund, sp 66, 602-703-8609 with any questions.

## **SUMMER BINGO IS COMING SOON!**



We will start the fun every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays in June. Games start at 6pm and we play for prizes. We accept donations each time or call Sandy. We will sell pop and ice cream at intermissions. Come and enjoy the fun and crazy prizes. See you June 9<sup>th</sup>! Thank you, Sandy. 480-835-1338

## MOVIE NIGHT



Movie Night is Sunday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. in South Hall. In honor of Mothers we're showing *Nonnas*, a 2025 biographical comedy-drama recommended by Cindy & Jerry Lund. After losing his cherished mother, a grieving son honors her by opening an Italian restaurant using Italian heritage grandmothers as the chefs. Popcorn, other snacks and maybe a special treat for Mothers will be served, BYO drinks. This is our last film offering of the season with plans to resume in September. Contact Stan Schraufnagel at 715.821.0436 with movie suggestions.

## SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE & NEWS



Come on down to the South Hall every Saturday around 7:00am for a nice hot cup of coffee and a yummy donut! Stay for the Park updates and info. Announcements begin at 8am then, what you really came for, the donuts. Cost is \$1.00 for coffee and \$2 for a donut. Sign up weekly at the South Hall bulletin board.

## GARDEN VARIETY DELIVERY



Call Marianne Borg, 320-405-7815 or Penny Shank, 215-620-7113 for information. We will start delivering in June.

## SEWING GROUP



The Sewing Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the South Hall Craft Room from 9 AM to noon. Stop by to help us with a project or bring your own project - we even have sewing machines you can use! Contact Mary-Alice Muraski 715-222-6841 Lot 163.

## SUMMER CORNHOLE

It's that time of year again. YEAH! We will start our Summer Cornhole league play on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10am in the South Hall. Come on out and enjoy the camaradery of friends and neighbors. It's always great fun. Bring your game face if you haven't got your game yet. See ya there!

## SUMMER SOCIAL HOUR/POTLUCK MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>



Gather with your summer friends and neighbors on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at the South Hall for Social Hour/Potluck. Social hour starts at 4:15pm and the Potluck is served at 5:00pm.

Bring a dish to share. Casseroles, salads, veggie dishes ... and desserts are always welcome. SURPRISE US!! Place settings are provided but bring your own drinks. For questions, see Cindy Lund, sp 66, 602-703-8609.

The next Social Hour/Potluck will be June 25<sup>th</sup>. See you soon.

## CALENDAR UPDATES? KNOW THE PROCEDURE

If you would like to add an event to the calendar or revise one you currently host, please contact **Association Vice President Jerry Noel, Sp. 477, 307-267-6097**. He coordinates the calendar and use of facilities for Association programs and for those who wish to reserve a hall for a private party.

# RESIDENTS HELPING RESIDENTS

## KNIFE/SCISSOR/YARD TOOL SHARPENING

Carmen Serio Sp. 260

## YARDWORK

Yard care by Debbie Morris lot  
453, call 205-520-0538

## HANDYMAN

Available to help with pet sitting, general maintenance and repairs on your home. This can include a wide range of jobs, such as fixing leaky faucets, assembling furniture and minor electrical work like installing light fixtures **and more**. Handyman and pet sitting references available. Call or text Jeff Polette 206-679-0888.

## JERRY'S ERRAND & DELIVERY SERVICES

Helping Palm Gardens residents with fast, friendly service – within 10 miles!

## Services Offered:

- Local Errands (Post Office, Pharmacy, etc)
- Delivery Pickups (Prescriptions, Takeout, Packages)
- Grocery Shopping
- Laundry Drop-off & Pick-Up

## Easy, Transparent Pricing:

- Local Errand (within 5 miles): \$10 flat fee, 6-10 miles: \$15
- Extra Stops (on same trip): +\$3 per stop
- Grocery Shopping & Delivery: \$15 (list provided)

Call to Schedule: 307-267-6097

## LENDING CLOSET

Our volunteer-based lending closet allows residents of Palm Gardens to borrow durable equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, canes or other items. If you need something short-term, **contact Dave Sullivan**

**815-985-2524, Laurie Sullivan 815-621-3413 or Diane Wehr 317-431-4437** for immediate assistance.



## JOIN OUR COMMUNITY ON FACEBOOK

You can get current information about events happening in and around the Park by checking out the FACEBOOK COMMUNITY PAGE which connects over 370 residents through this exclusive group.

## HOW TO CONNECT:

1. Log into your FB account.
2. Click on the magnifying glass/search at the top of the page and type in "OUR COMMUNITY" and run the search.
3. Look for the banner featuring cactus and a mountain.
4. Click the JOIN button. ANSWER a few questions and you should be accepted within 48 hours.

## SPECIAL EVENTS:

MAY 6	GRILL NIGHT	SH	4:00PM
MAY 7	ICE CREAM SOCIAL	SH	5:45PM
MAY 17	MOVIE NIGHT	SH	6:30PM
MAY 19	ICE CREAM SOCIAL	SH	5:45PM
MAY 20	GRILL NIGHT	SH	4:00PM
MAY 25	MEMORIAL DAY DINNER	SH	1:00PM
MAY 28	SUMMER SOCIAL HOUR	SH	4:15PM

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## PALM GARDENS ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE-MAY 2026

### **MONDAY**

CHAIR EXERCISE	SH	7:30 AM
3-MILE WALK	SH	8:15 AM
BUNCO	NH	9:30 AM
SWEDISH WEAVING	SHCR	1:00 PM

### **TUESDAY**

EXERCISE	SH	7:30 AM
SEWING/QUILTING	SHCR	9:00 AM
CORNHOLE	SH	9:30 AM
SWOOP	NH	6:30 PM

### **WEDNESDAY**

CHAIR EXERCISE	SH	7:30 AM
3-MILE WALK	SH	8:15 AM
POOL	PR	9:00 AM
DIME POKER	SHPR	NOON
MAHJONG	NH	1:00 PM
TEXAS HOLD EM	SHPR	6:00 PM

### **THURSDAY**

RECYCLING PICKUP	PG	6:30 AM
EXERCISE	SH	7:30 AM
SEWING	SHCR	9:00 AM
BRIDGE	NH	1:00 PM
HAND & FOOT	NH	6:30 PM

### **FRIDAY.**

CHAIR EXERCISE	SH	7:30 AM
3-MILE WALK	SH	8:15 AM
CORNHOLE	SH	10:00 AM
OMAHA POKER	SH	NOON
CRIBBAGE	NH	6:00 PM

### **SATURDAY**

COFFEE & ROLLS	SH	7:00 AM
BEANBAG BASEBALL	SH	8:30 AM
POOL/8 BALL	PR	9:00 AM
DOMINO MEXICAN TRAIN	NH	6:00 PM

### **SUNDAY**

DARTS	PR	2:30 PM
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