

Garden Variety

Newsletter of the Palm Gardens Activity Association

June 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Joe Vitiritto, President

Hello Everyone!

Another month has come and gone. You know that old adage "the older we get, time really does fly".

For all the permanent residents, June will start some new activities. All be ready for a fun and entertaining summer. We will be having free summer bingo. We will be having summer trivia and Show-Me-The-Money and in July we will have Music Bingo. If you have any more ideas, let a Board Member know and we might be able to add it to our activities. We know it is hot, but please come out and be active in our Park.

Thank you to all the volunteers that help this Community be a fun and very active Park.

Regards, Joe

Palm Gardens is a community of family and friends and a very caring place to live. We help others in their need. My point is, for those who are alone in life, we need to check up on these people, respect their privacy but let them know we are here if needed.



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 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



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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.

Ronald McDonald House Update

On May 14th I delivered 75 pounds of pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald house on Dobson Avenue next to the Banner Hospital Children's Center. They were pleasantly surprised and happy to receive this large amount of pop tabs. Thanks go out to everyone in Palm Gardens that continue to support this program. We have become an upper level supporter to the Ronald McDonald house here in Mesa. Thanks again for the strong support that continues to help out families in need during difficult times. Doug Greenway

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



The first Tuesday of the month, June 2nd, and the third Tuesday, June 16th, will be our wonderful Ice Cream Social. It will be at 5:45 pm in the South Hall. All you can eat for \$2.00. What a deal!

THREE-MILE WALK



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

SUMMER GRILL & CHILL WEDNESDAY JUNE 3rd at 4PM



Join us on June 3rd for the BEST burgers in Mesa! The sign-up will be posted at the South Hall board until June 1st, end of day. Service is from 4pm-4pm. Burgers, chips & dessert along with mushrooms & onions will be included in the \$5.00 price. Drinks are \$1.00.

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

*****SPECIAL*** JUKE BOX DINER MEAL**

On June 17th, instead of a regular grill night, we will be having a Taco spaghetti with music/meal deal for \$7.00. It will include: salad, garlic bread & ice cream. You will need to pre-purchase tickets for this meal at Saturday coffee in June (6th & 13th) or June 3rd Grill Night or by calling Diane Wehr, sp 95, 317-761-4437.

Coming in July:
Hotdog/brats – July 8th
Special Meal – July 22nd

I meant to download a calendar app for my phone, but I downloaded a colander app. Now my battery keeps draining.

SUMMER BINGO IS HERE!



Summer bingo is here! Lots of fun and great prizes! We start at 6pm every 2nd and fourth Tuesday, starting June 9th and June 23rd. We sell pop and ice cream at intermission. Get excited and come on down!

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.

SHOW ME THE MONEY

A new game will be played on Sunday, June 21st, at the North Hall at 6:00pm. Bring \$5.00 in quarters and your own drink, It is like bingo with cards.

GARDEN VARIETY DELIVERY

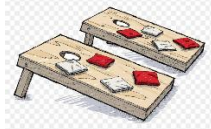


If you would like to be added to the "delivery" list, call Marianne Borg, 320-405-7815 or Penny Shank, 215-620-7113 for information.

MUSIC BINGO

We will be having Music bingo at the South Hall on Monday July 13th from 6pm-8pm. Snacks, fun and prizes!!! Bring your own drink. For more information, contact Pat Baker, sp 146, 208-569-7805.

SUMMER CORNHOLE



Summer cornhole is here for you. When? Every Tuesday at 9:30am and Friday at 10:00am. Come on out and have lots of fun with your neighbors and friends!

SUMMER SOCIAL HOUR/POTLUCK JUNE 25TH



Meet up with your summer friends and neighbors on Thursday June 25th at the

South Hall for Social/Potluck. Friendly chatter starts at 4:15pm and the Potluck is served at 5:00pm.

We love to have salads, entrées, casseroles, crockpot dishes...and desserts.

Contact: Cindy Lund, sp 66, 602-703-8609.

**The next summer Social/Potluck will be July 30th. See you there!

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.

TRASH CAN PLACEMENT



The City of Mesa provides the following rules for placement of your trash can:

- Place barrel on the asphalt on the service side of the street. Do **not** place it on the concrete curb or sidewalk.
- Leave **3 feet** of clearance between barrels and other obstacles such as lawn ornaments.

- Do **not** approach truck or barrels during service. Do not attempt to pass the truck.
- No street parking on service days (Friday, in this Park).

RESIDENTS HELPING RESIDENTS

KNIFE/SCISSOR/YARD TOOL SHARPENING

Carmen Serio Sp. 260

YARDWORK

Yard care by Debbie Morris lot 453, call 208-520-0538

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.

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:

JUNE 2	ICE CREAM SOCIAL	SH	5:45PM
JUNE 3	GRILL & CHILL	SH	4:00PM
JUNE 9	SUMMER BINGO	SH	6:00PM
JUNE 14	SUMMER TRIVIA	SH	6:00PM
JUNE 16	ICE CREAM SOCIAL	SH	5:45PM
JUNE 17	JUKE BOX DINER	SH	4:00PM
JUNE 21	SHOW ME THE MONEY	NH	6:00PM
JUNE 23	SUMMER BINGO	SH	6:00PM
JUNE 25	SOCIAL HR/POTLUCK	SH	4:15PM
JUNE 28	SUMMER TRIVIA	SH	6:00PM

Watch for a new game coming on July 13th – Music Bingo at the SH, 6:00pm

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PALM GARDENS ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE-JUNE 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
PASS PINOCHLE	NH	1:00 PM

TUESDAY

EXERCISE	SH	7:30 AM
SEWING	SHCR	9:00 AM
CORNHOLE	SH	9:30 AM
PASS PINOCHLE	NH	1:00 PM
SWOOP	NH	6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY

CHAIR EXERCISE	SH	7:30 AM
3-MILE WALK	SH	8:15 AM
POOL	PR	9:00 AM
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	9:30 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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