

Garden Variety

Newsletter of the Palm Gardens Activity Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Joe Vitiritto, President

Hello Everyone!

In July we celebrate 250 years of democracy. Most of Palm Gardens residents were young and were able to enjoy our country's Bicentennial. On the 4th of July it is really special being a USA citizen. It a great pleasure saying we are proud to be an American!

Ronnie and I are going back to Iowa and I will be shooting fireworks that whole week from July 1st thru July 6th.

All of our residents in the Park and all of our residents from all parts of the USA, please enjoy your families and have a great 4th of July!

We will only have about 3-5 months and all the winter residents will be back to enjoy Palm Gardens.

PS: We really miss all of our residents. The articles I write every month will be written by our VP Jerry Noel. So, see you back in September.

Regards, Joe



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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Losing a friend, whether through death, distance, or conflict, is a deeply emotional experience, and acknowledging your grief is the first step toward healing.

The South Hall will be closed the 2nd week of July (6th-10th). Renovations are being done in the main hall but the Craft Room, Poker Room and Pool Room will be open. Please stay out of the main room because we will be running lifts and wiring.

BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

Join us for a Christmas in July Dance Party, Friday July 31st, 6pm to 9pm. DJ Woody will get us groovin' and movin' to some great tunes.

Bring your own beverages, light munchies will be provided and ice cream treats will be for sale.

Wearing Christmas attire is encouraged and will be rewarded.

Please sign up on activity board at South Hall by July 28th. For questions contact Karen 402-578-1120

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Our wonderful Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, July 21st at 5:45 pm in the South Hall. All you can eat for \$2.00. What a deal! *(There will be no Ice Cream Social on July 7th due to the SH renovation.)*

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 JULY 8TH at 4PM



Join us on July 8TH for hotdogs & brats. Sign up will be posted at the South Hall board until July 5th end of day. Service is from 4pm-5pm. Grilled hotdogs & brats, chips & dessert, along with a bunch of toppings 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 July 22nd, instead of a regular grill night, we will be having a Smashburger comedy night meal deal for \$7.00. It will include: fries, onion rings, beans & ice cream.

You will need to pre-purchase tickets for this meal on July 8th grill night or Saturday coffee in July (11th & 18th) or by calling Terry Jaskiw, lot 130, 619-484-8329.

Coming in August:

Burgers – 8/5

Chicken & noodle casserole meal deal – 8/19

SUMMER BINGO IS HERE!



Summer bingo is here! Lots of fun and great prizes! We start at 6pm on Tuesdays – July 14th & 28th. 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.

AND!!!!!! Saturday, July 11th there will be French Toast & sausage. WE are serving from 7am-8am. Pat Baker, Dianne McDonald are cooking, with Heather Greenway hosting. For questions, contact Dianne at 530-401-0062.

SHOW ME THE MONEY



We will be playing Show Me The Money on Sunday, July 19th, at the North Hall at 4:00pm. 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

🎵 1970s Hits 🎵				
Smile, Dimples & Rock & Roll	Blitzkrieg Bop	I Feel Love	Continental	London Calling
Heroes	Let's Get It On	Stairway to Heaven	Psycho Killer	Brown Sugar
Superstition	Thunder Road	FREE SPACE	Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough	Band On The Run
Smiling Faces Sometimes	God Save the Queen	Highway to Hell	Are Friends Electric?	Heart of Glass
Go Your Own Way	Born to Run	Imagine	Rapper's Delight	Teenage Kicks

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 SOCIAL HOUR/POTLUCK JULY 30th

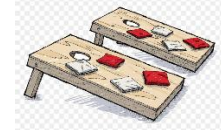


Meet up with your summer friends and neighbors on Thursday July 30th at the South Hall for Social/Potluck. Friendly chatter starts at 4:15pm and the Potluck is served at 5:00pm.

We love to have salads, entrées, casseroles, crockpot dishes...and desserts. Place settings are provided but bring your own drinks.

**The next summer Social/Potluck will be Aug 27th.

SUMMER CORNHOLE



Summer cornhole is here for you. When? Every Tuesday and Friday at 9:30am. Come on out and have lots of fun with your neighbors and friends! NOTE: There will be **NO** cornhole on Tuesday, July 7th.

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.

Summer Heat Safety

Mesa has emergency assistance to help you beat the heat this summer.

- Shelter from the heat at a cooling center
- Refill your water bottle for free
- Receive help through the Portable A/C Unit Loaner Program
- Learn heat safety tips in the Resident's Guide to Heat Safety video
- And more!

Don't forget to check on your neighbors this summer. For more details on heat safety resources, visit mesaaz.gov/heatsafety or call 2-1-1.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

July 1	Summer Grill Night	SH	4:00pm
July 4	Celebration Lunch	SH	1:00pm (doors open at noon)
July 11	French Toast Breakfast	SH	7:00am
July 12	Summer Trivia	SH	6:00pm
July 13	Music Bingo	SH	6:00pm
July 14	Summer Bingo	SH	6:00pm
July 15	Summer Grill Night	SH	4:00pm
July 19	Show Me The Money	NH	4:00pm
July 21	Ice Cream Social	SH	5:45pm
July 22	Juke Box Diner	SH	4:00pm
July 23	Social Hour/Potluck	SH	4:15pm
July 26	Summer Trivia	SH	6:00pm
July 28	Summer Bingo	SH	6:00pm
July 31	Christmas in July	SH	6pm-9pm

REMEMBER: THE SOUTH HALL IS CLOSED THE WEEK OF JULY 6TH FOR RENOVATIONS

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PALM GARDENS ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE-JULY 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 (No Cornhole on 7/7)
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