



Welcome to



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Your MONTHLY Garden Gnome News! "with a little help from my friends!"

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HOME OF THE GNOME!

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What we need in the board members going forward:

Now & 2018: It will be so important, in the future, as we move forward to have the people that have and are willing to give their time and be qualified to use their life career business management experiences in the management of our Seminole Gardens Condo Association Members futures.

We need a BOD that will, not just meet less than that one time a month, leave the wrist watch at home and clear their calendar to get down to business and willing to invest that time to give and get great sound opinions that are gathered from self and other association members to conclude that day getting it done in orderly protocol for the best interest of all.

These people are the type that are willing to represent all the peoples needs and wants not personalities. Not be judgmental about the project but positively be open minded to all ideas.

BOD members need to truly understand our documents that were written by the people of the association while understanding the laws (Florida Statues) of our state.

And when they see something tht needs donem will hop in and help getting it thereI hope this information has been informative and much valued learning for the future.



Our next Association Meeting is Thursday, December 14th at 6 pm.. we NEED as many of the owners there as can get there.. you DO have a voice ~ exercise it!

My PERSONAL thoughts for what a person who wants to be a member of the Board Of Directors SHOULD consider and achieve before volunteering to be a Bloard member:

by Bekki Shanklin, human and not as a SCGA board officer

- 1. Every board member needs to have an email and can actively access it themselves with their own voices and bites on issues that need their personal input .. E-mail address needs to belong to the board member when responding to board business. Board member owner spouses and/or owner family should communicate community feedback of their own on a separate e-mail address so the board can respectfully understand each persons individual views.
2. Actively sticking to the agenda that was prepared by the President and the sitting board. No member of the association, regardless, should be wandering off into the wilderness to establish their own agenda deliberately adding hours to the meeting.
3. Is not a place-holder chair-warmer, 'recruit to serve as an extra vote for another members self-serving agenda ', But, is willing to be an active participant for the WHOLE year. Attending all meetings, active on the 'getter done' team, as per abilities, and not just when there is a meeting.
4. Adds NO drama to the meeting.. is respectful and professional whether in the meetings or in the grounds
5. Can be prepared with research of items on the agenda before bringing up at the meetings. And bring the research bio with the item to be discussed.
6. Have viable ideas for improving the life of the owners through improving the common areas and grounds, not just for personal reasons or to get into owners personal lives and business.

If these suggestions can't be met, and if you've moved here to retire and not be actively involved in the common area operations management, It is my opinion that you respectfully do not reach out to become a board member.

Thanks so much for considering bringing your wonderfulness to all the other owners ~ Bekki

RANSOMWARE COMING IN VIA TRUSTED EMAILS

Be cautious with links

The most important thing you can do to avoid falling victim to phishing attacks is to not click on links within unsolicited emails. Cybercriminals constantly come up with clever, fraudulent messages that look like they're from legitimate sources *and trusted friends* and contain malicious links. Clicking these links can lead to your gadget being infected with ransomware.

That's why you need to be able to recognize a phishing scam. One thing to watch for with phishing attacks are typos, criminals are typically careless with spelling and grammar. If you receive an email or notification from a reputable company, it should not contain typos.

Have strong security software

Make sure you're using strong antivirus software on all of your gadgets. And keep them up-to-date for the best protection. This is the best way to keep your device from being infected with malware. *Yes, it will cost you, but recovering your precious documents, emails, etc will cost you thousands IF they can be recovered*

Set up two-factor authentication

Two-factor authentication means that to log in to your account, you need two ways to prove you are who you say you are. This adds an extra layer of security and should be used whenever a site makes it available.

Use unique passwords

Many people use the same password for multiple websites. This is a terrible mistake. If your credentials are stolen on one site and you use the same username and/or password on others, it's easy for the cybercriminal to get into each account.

Here are some examples of using your own name for safety: johnie = J0hn13; janice = J@n1c3; denise = D3n1\$3.. just some thoughts. or use words, like welcome = W3lc0^3.. very hard for people to hack .. it will take them hours, possibly days to figure out how to get in and rob you

And if you think you aren't important enough to hack, just know that when you are and can't restore your pc to before the hack, you'll be dinged for anywhere from \$300, to \$3500 or more, as it will be doubled for every day you dont come up with the money they want

Back up your critical data regularly

Backing up your critical data is an important safety precaution in the fight against ransomware.

VOTE FOR YOUR NEW BOARD IN JANUARY!

FAKE MICROSOFT WARNINGS COSTING BILLIONS TO US AND RAINING MONEY ON THE SCAMMERS

"Microsoft Warning Alert" is a fake pop-up error message claiming that the computer is infected. ... This error message states that malicious content has been detected and, therefore, personal information (logins, passwords, banking details, etc.) is at risk.

Many of our clients also get a phone call from someone with a 'foreign accent' who, even after our client protests that they don't want to engage in whatever the person is requiring, ends up being persuaded to click on links they want to show them or give them their contact, credit card AND banking information.

Each client and/or buisness that 'fell' for this either had to pay out thousands of dollars to get their computers 'decrypted' or we were able to roll it back to the previou 'restore point' that was BEFORE their pc was hi-jacked and left useless.

WHAT IS RANSOMWARE?

'rans?m?we(?)r/
noun

a type of malicious software designed to block access to a computer system until a sum of money is paid.

"although ransomware is usually aimed at individuals, it's constntly happening in businesses as well"

*And the following information, per se is from:
<http://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/what-is-ransomware-and-should-you-be-worried-about-it/>*

You bring up your computer and "Expecting to see a Twitter feed or Facebook profile, instead you're greeted with a big red image, demanding that if you don't pay \$200 to an unknown party in the next 24-hours, everything you know and love on your computer will be erased, and gone forever.

~OR~

You've allowed a stranger in and he's been able to access ALL your information: banking, credit cards, email addresses and all of your documents. How do you stop this.. if you can .. immediately **1: get off the internet and 2. shut down your computer, and 3. change All od your passwords.**

Then call a tech that can scan your PC and make sure they haven't installed malicious proramming or a 'key logger' that can track your every stroke.

NEXT MONTH: HOW TO CREATE WEEKLY RESTORE POINTS TO FEND OFF LOSING EVERYTHING IN YOUR COMPUTER. ORCALLMEANDP'LLSENDYOUANEMAIL WITH ALL THE INSTALLATION INFO ..~Bekki



AT BROADWAY PALM FROM
NOVEMBER 23 TO DECEMBER 25

Thanks, to the 'snow birds who live here part-time that got us all going again..

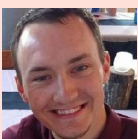
Diane Seitz, for constantly cleaning and 'doing' and making everything look ship-shape twice a week for us..

Marg McGuire for calling "pad fest" gatherings in the evenings, and researching everything she can find to keep us on the straight and safe and narrow, legally.

Of course Janey and Steve who just can't sit still.. Janey is Assistant to Johnie 3 our SGCA President and her great and calm mind keeps us grounded and Steve is our unofficial GO-TO guy for about anything, but NOT everything

Tech In A Flash

Matthew Rebstock, Owner, Head Tech
Carlos Cortez, MAC Tech, habla espanol
& Bekki Shanklin, Scheduling & Info Goddess,
the first person you'll speak with for help
~~ at your service! ~~



GAME NIGHTS!!

We will have something on most Tuesday nights.

All games start at 6:30.

Bunco will be the first Tuesday. Then:

LRC = Left, right, center

Bingo

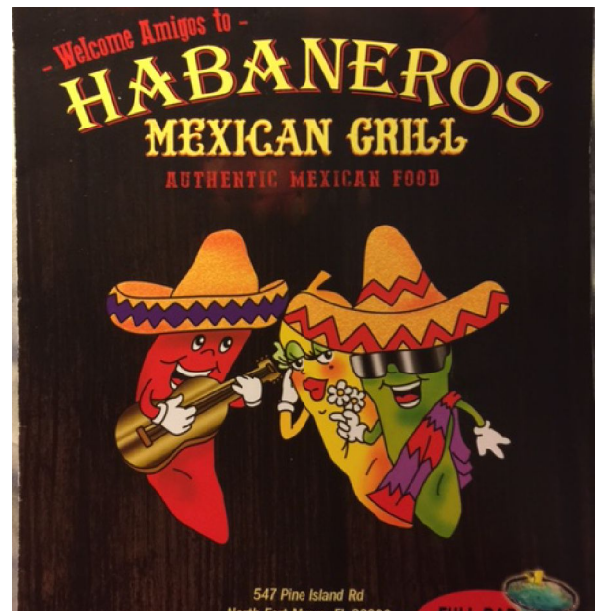
LRC

The LRC is a favorite because it is only 20 cents per game. 15 cents to play and 5 cents for the pot to start with. We keep playing with our same nickels so we usually stop playing after one hour.

Bunco is \$10.

Bingo is 25 cents per card that you want to play. We play 10 games.

If you ever want to come and don't feel like talking much, LRC is fast paced, not much talking except telling the person they don't know their right from the left or someone tries to put the dice in the pot instead of their nickels. (It has happened!! LOL)



Getting Can Recycling Back On Track

Fewer cans seem to be arriving at the can bin, but are instead being put into the recycle bins on driveway. *We had to pay extra for this 4th bin, so by failing to recycle your aluminum cans to our on site can crushing Clubhouse supplement fund, you are actually INCREASING the cost of garbage pickup.* If you cannot crush your own cans, you can still help. Just RINSE your cans and deliver to large black trashcan next to pool fence.



WHAT IS THE TRADITION OF WASSAILING?

Wassailing is a very ancient custom that is rarely done today. The word 'wassail' comes from the Anglo-Saxon phrase 'waes hael', which means 'good health'. Originally, the wassail was a drink made of mulled ale, curdled cream, roasted apples, eggs, cloves, ginger, nutmeg and sugar. traditionally drunk as an integral part of wassailing, a Medieval English drinking ritual intended to ensure a good cider apple harvest the following year.

Directions

Mix apple cider, orange juice, lemon juice, pineapple juice, and sugar together in a large pot over medium-low heat.

Place cloves and cinnamon in a tea ball; add ball to the apple cider mixture. Simmer mixture until warmed through, about 15 minutes. Serve from pot with large ladle.

Wassail dates back to the Middle Ages.

The earliest versions were warmed mead into which roasted crab apples were dropped and burst to create a drink called 'lambswool' drunk on Lammas day, still known in Shakespeare's time.[1] Later, the drink evolved to become a mulled cider made with sugar, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg, topped with slices of toast as sops and drunk from a large communal bowl.

Modern recipes begin with a base of wine, fruit juice or mulled ale, sometimes with brandy or sherry added. Apples or oranges are often added to the mix, and some recipes also call for beaten eggs to be tempered into the drink. Great bowls turned from wood, pottery or tin often had many handles for shared drinking and highly decorated lids; antique examples can still be found in traditional pubs.

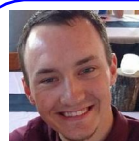


In a large bowl, combine sugar, butter, milk, eggs, molasses, salt, baking soda, baking powder, and flour; add raisins, dates, nuts, candied orange or lemon citron, apples, cinnamon, cloves, and nutmeg. Fill each greased pan 1/2 full of batter. Cover tops of pans with lids or 2 layers of aluminum foil.

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*Elections for the new board of directors is
DURING the
January meeting, the 11th.
Please vote your heart
&*

*Please remember when offering to run, or
voting for your champions to watch and
care for the owner's well-being, the Board
of Directors needs to include active people
willing to do more than just be a 'vote'
We are running out of physical helpers on
property: this means getting out and
talking to vendors, and helping keep things
picked up & maintaining the beauty of our
homes*



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