



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

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HOME OF THE GNOME!

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Featuring THE YEAR IN REVIEW ~ 2016

Dear Seminole Gardens Residents,

I think everyone at times wonders what your monthly fees are used for. Of course, there are the monthly bills such as electric, water/sewer, trash, lawn care, and the yearly insurance bill, among many other routine expenses. (our water, sewer, and insurance are about 55% of our budget) I've compiled a list of things that were purchased, repaired, or replaced from 2008 to end of 2015. I think you'll agree that it's a pretty extensive list. From the year 2008 thru 2015 (eight years), our monthly fees have only increased with a minimal increase ~ **Denise Rees, 2016 BOD President**

2008:

- Painting of buildings
- Drop box on clubhouse for payments
- Two walkways leading to shuffleboard court
- New interior clubhouse lights
- New gutters for C, D, F
- Repair of pool fence posts
- Remove stove hood, cap electric in clubhouse
- Remove stove from clubhouse
- Remove drinking fountain & cap water line at pool
- Repair sidewalk in front of E & between A & B
- Installed signs at end of each driveway

2009:

- Retrofit main drain at pool to comply with law
- Refrigerator for clubhouse
- Installed fence & sign in front yard along street
- Repair sinking sidewalk in front of B
- Repair soffit E bldg.
- Pool life saving ring
- Survey E fence line
- Pool balls, ball rack, bridge head, bridge stick
- Pool heat pump
- Removal of old fence & underground asphalt behind E bldg
- New fence behind E bldg.
- Install lite fixtures outside clubhouse
- Paving of driveways
- Striping & numbers for driveways
- Stump grinding & bougainvillea: E fence line

- Planted 47 areca palms along E fence & 4 arecas along north drive
- Fertilize E fence arecas
- Trim olive tree in front of B
- Pool deck renovated with pavers
- Remove rhododendrons, palm, grind stump at pool
- Solar cover reel for pool
- Replace Plexiglas on front fence sign
- Clubhouse: 2 ceiling fan/lights, toilet seats & toilet water lines
- Tile clubhouse bathrooms
- Paint clubhouse interior
- Vertical blinds for clubhouse
- a/c repair for clubhouse
- replace 2HP motor at pool
- repair sink hole in front of B
- spray painted pool fence
- fertilize E fence arecas again

2010:

- Trim trees North drive & palm trees
- Roofing: bldgs. A-F
- Ficus tree removal side of A
- Fertilize arecas along E fence line again
- Pool solar cover
- New pool grate, rope, buoys
- Wind mitigation for roofs
- Major landscaping clean up: Turf Titans
- Treatment of palm disease for all palms
- Clubhouse a/c repair
- Pool pit hinges replacement

2011:

- Remove old flagpole
- Purchase power washer
- Power washing of sidewalks
- Power washing of pool deck
- Re-sanding of pool deck pavers
- Power washing of buildings
- Building touch up painting
- Clubhouse: breakers

Tree trimming
Addition and repair of irrigation system
Location of underground electrical for dig
Replace motor at pool

2011:(continued)

Replace DE separation tank at pool
New flagpole
Clean front fence
Remove metal, canvas, furniture at patio area
Clean gutters
Clean mold on bldgs. A-C
Replaced section of pool fence

2012:

Pool solar cover replacement (no charge)
Fire hydrant repair
Replace pool motor
Tree trimming
Replace all outside hose bibs
New fire hydrant & valve
Replaced autofill at pool
Gutters cleaned & repaired leaks
New sump pump
Pool backflow repair

2013:

Tree trimming
New mailboxes at clubhouse
Cuban laural in front yard trimmed & roots trimmed
Buildings pressure washing & paint touchup
Power washing: steps, balconies, sidewalks
Clubhouse: replace A/C, upgrade electric
Purchased 6 benches for property
Gutter repair F8
Removal diseased olive tree in front of B
Six palms for driveway
Replacement pool solar cover (no charge)

2014:

Water heater for laundry room
New breaker & GFI outlets in clubhouse
Power washing of buildings & pool deck
Re-sand pool deck
Purchase power washer
Repair pool table
Tree trimming
Striping/numbers of driveways
Gutter extensions
Major leak detection under B bldg.

2015:

Gutter repair
Repair pool fence
Pool coving repair & renovation
2015 (Continued)
Sidewalks replaced throughout property
GFI outlets on all light poles
Pool main drain repair
Grill purchase, tank, storage box
Replace clubhouse toilets & bathroom faucets
Sump pump pool repair
Cut back downspouts
Additional sidewalk concrete work
Pool temp sensor
Electric outage clubhouse, driveway, front of C
Tree stump removal
Beehive removal
Cut coconut palm
Gutter & downspout clean: E bldg.
Remove 2 yellow pines struck by lightning (8/28/16)

2016

What the owners accomplished!

JANUARY



Cleaning out the shed after about 20 years..

MARCH!

March 21, 2016..

TheLifeCycle of a Project by MargProzaki

A project to help beautify our common gardens was completed the week of March 21st.



The first new bike rack!

APRIL



Our first bike rack bought and installed by Jany and Steve Hesche

The second bike rack purchased by the BOD and installed again by Janey and Steve.. thanks youze gize!

JULY

Our on-site Olympians in action.. water aerobics & the SG Racing Team & Mascot, Jack



Our in-house Olympic Running Team & Mascot, Jack

AUGUST



Recycle Aluminum Cans for the Clubhouse RecreationFund Update!

Daily Mojo

By Janey Hesche

Well friends, what shall I expound upon this month?

Let's see. Yoga has started at the library on the plaza on Thursdays. It is amazing that I really work hard on physical fitness and yet after a yoga class I am reminded of the many parts of our body that require attention. Stretching and breathing correctly are so vital to our physical health.



Tai Chi is every Wednesday on the plaza and that is where mental discipline meets the controlled movements of your body. I sleep best on Wednesday and Thursday nights!

Yoga and Tai Chi complement the strength training, running and biking that we do the other days of the week.

We have logged so many miles, almost 800, and yes, I am very proud of that.

Janet and I talk quite often about our "Beginning" and where we are now. We have made our Mojo each and every day. After all, shouldn't everything be done in a powerful, purposeful and positive way?

I think this would be the time to say how thankful I am for Janet and that I found a like-minded person to start every morning working on our journey of good health, physical fitness and most important friendship.

I like to think that I have a Wild Woman Sisterhood here. No, I don't think it, I know it.

I am going to close, and say good-bye to 2016 with a beautiful passage I learned long ago.

A true friend is someone that knows the song of your soul, and sings it back to you when you have forgotten the words.

Namaste

For our Email recipients:

The Password for the computer coming to the clubhouse this coming week is:

sg431sg (all lower case)

For those without computer access, that password will be taped to the underside of the keyboard.

AGAIN: THIS COMPUTER HAS NO INTERNET ACCESS.. IT IS A 'READ ONLY' SET UP.

Up to the minute Updates....

by Janey Hesche

Things are going swimmingly at the pool! A new Coolgrip handrail cover was purchased and installed. The last one was bought in 2013 and served its purpose well. The cost was \$50.00.

The safety rope and floats were also replaced at the pool. Earlier this summer we superglued the floats due to cracks and other things but they finally bit the dust, so to speak. A new rope was also purchased because we couldn't get the knots out of the old one to replace the floats! The approximate cost for rope and floats was \$40.00.

We have bleached the pool pavers three times this summer and it has not cured the problem of moss/mold that grows in the cracks. I recently spoke with Gary, the pool man, and asked for his advise. He said not to dilute the bleach with water but use it full strength. We will try that.

I saved the best news for last. The Board approved the purchase of a Blower for the pool area. It is battery operated and was purchased at Sears, a nice Craftsman model and does a great job. "A" building gave us permission to hang it in their closet since it is closest to the pool. It hangs nicely on a hook along with the battery charger. You can charge it at the light post by the pool when needed. I used it four times before it needed a charge which takes 30-40 minutes to fully charge. The cost was \$106.00.

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Clubhouse update: The Board approved the purchase of a vacuum for the Clubhouse. It is a "smooth ride!" Extra vacuum bags are in the clubhouse. The vacuum was \$43.00 plus tax.

I want to add that the Clubhouse is well used, and quite an enjoyable "venue" for us here at Seminole Gardens. At that my friends is the end of the Up to the minute updates!

Extra Updates:

We have had MANY owner food gatherings, games, Super Bowl, and just hanging out events.

The gifted computer is nearly set up for the scanning of the condo documents.. but NO, it's not going on the internet.. no need for it to.. ya'll can go on your own or down to the library. Anything else that entails the computer is on whoever wants to donate more to it.. and no, I will not do tech maintenance.

Downtown Fort Myers

EVENTS

Art Walk:

October 7/8
November 4/5
December 2/3
January 6/7
February 3/4
March 3/4
April 7/8
May 5/6
June 2/3
July 7/8
August 4/5
September 1/2

Bike Night (4):

November 12
January 14
March 11
May 13

Car Cruise-In:

October 22
November 26
December 24
January 28
February 25
March 25
April 22
May 27

Creative Arts Market:

November 11-12
December 9-10

Downtown Countdown:

December 31

Freedom Fest:

July 4

Holiday Stroll:

December 2

Music Walk:

October 21
November 18
December 16
January 20
February 17
March 17
April 21
May 19
June 16
July 21
August 18
September 15

Mystery Walk:

October 14
November 11
December 9
January 13
February 10
March 10
April 14
May 12

Pet Walk:

October 28
November 25
December 23
January 27
February 24
March 24
April 28
May 26

St. Patty's Day:

March 17

Veterans Day Parade:

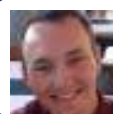
November 12

The events listed above are brought to you by the River District Alliance with support of our partners, sponsors, and members. All RDA events are free & family friendly for you to enjoy and explore the one-of-a-kind historic downtown Fort Myers River District.

Event changes in times/dates may periodically occur. Please be sure to visit our website prior to attending:

www.fortmyersriverdistrictalliance.com

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Tech In A Flash
Matthew Rebstock & Bekki
Shanklin at your service!

