



GARDEN OAKS GAZETTE

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THE ANNUAL MEETING was held January 22, 2009 at the Palm Beach Gardens Community Center. We had a wonderful turn out and I would like to thank everyone for their participation. Two board members were re-elected; John Scala and Trudy Van Knowe, and Neil Richards won the last seat. We would like to thank these neighbors for volunteering to serve as our Board of Directors. We need a dedicated board to steer our community through these trying times and I know they will see us through. The pooling of the reserve funds was passed but the special events amendment did not have the required votes. With the help of many volunteers knocking on doors, the special events amendment had enough votes and was passed at the February 24th monthly meeting. The winners of the Decorating Contest were Maria and Dean Xenich on Wakefield Dr, first place, and Roberta and Hiram Colon on Old Oak, second place. They won the privilege of being the judges for this year's contest. Carol Weir was awarded "Volunteer of the Year" and it was quite a surprise when Greg called her name.

THE GAZETTE We would like to reserve a section in the newsletter for you, the homeowner, to express your new ideas for our community. Contact Carol Weir at 775-4893 or e-mail her at cweir@gardenoakshoa.com. She is looking forward to hearing from you.

THE MONTHLY MEETINGS will be held on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the Palm Beach Gardens Community Center on Burns Road at 7pm. Every month our turnout gets better. Come and join us to see the BOD steer the "Best Little Community in Palm Beach Gardens".

JUST A REMINDER Bulk pickup and trash is to be placed at the curb after 6pm on Monday for pick up on Tuesday. Recycling and trash is to be put out after 6pm on Thursday for a Friday pickup. Special pickups – call the city at no extra charge. ***Let's be considerate to our neighbors.*** Call the guard for all **take out** deliveries. They will not call you for take out delivery. Please water newly planted plants. They will appreciate it.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS Can you believe it's that time of the year again? You should have your backyard tree trimming done before June. That means coconuts too! When a storm approaches, move all flower pots, lawn furniture, and anything that will be airborne during a storm into the garage or house. Have water and canned goods on hand and don't forget the manual can opener. It's just like camping! Help your neighbors when they can't prepare themselves. For residents leaving for the season, remember white or clear shutters only may be left up while you're away.

ACC REPORT The ACC committee has had reports of incompetent contractors working within the community. To address this issue, any non emergency contractor will not be allowed through the gate without the homeowners filling out an ACC form. These are available on line at www.gardenoakshoa.com or at the office. This is an attempt to make sure residents are protected from unscrupulous vendors trying to take advantage of homeowners. Planting is continuing for the next few months. Please water these plants until they get established. DUPLEX ROOFS - Cleaning of *BOTH* sides is required at the same time. FYI - Under *STATE* law, one half of a duplex roof cannot be replaced. Both sides must be done at the same time. The City of Palm Beach Gardens will *NOT* issue a permit to anyone replacing only half a roof. If a repair is needed, only 25% of a building's entire roof is allowed to be fixed in any 12-month period of time.

TREASURERS REPORT The operating bank balance at the end of March is approximately \$85,000. The reserve fund balance at the end of February was \$616,558. Unpaid homeowner maintenance as of the middle of March was \$59,923. This includes 15 foreclosures, 1 bankruptcy and 20 homes in arrears. There are 4 homes under contract, 1 pending, 2 sold and 14 active listings. The 2008 audit is being finalized and will be sent to every resident.

WELCOME We would like to welcome the following residents to our community. Vincent Waterhouse, Dean Dyer, Lionel Harrison, and Laura and John Naccorato. We hope you will enjoy living in Garden Oaks, "The Best Little Community in Palm Beach Gardens."

At the March BOD Meeting residents expressed their gratitude to the board and committee members for the time and energy they invest in our community. Walter also added, his colleagues could not believe how fortunate he was to be working with a board that takes care of daily business with such efficiency and professionalism. He stated this makes his job a pleasure and a lot easier. It was noted that the appearance of the community has improved since this board took office. The long range planning committee is now being chaired by Sharon Reeves and they will be meeting in the near future.

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