



## GARDEN OAKS GAZETTE JULY 2010

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### Board of Directors Meeting May 29, 2010

At the May meeting Dale Poupard was chosen to fill the Vice Presidents position after Trudy Van Knowe filled the Presidents position when Greg Gibson resigned. We would like to thank Greg for all the hours he spent improving our community.

### Welcome New Residents

We would like to welcome the following residents to Garden Oaks: James Gibson, Clifford, Mildred and Dawn Seckinger, Richard and Ilse LaGreca, Lewis and Lynnae Steinberg, Robin Brady and Adrian Kulbas, Viena and Pradeep Rayakar, Warren Marquilies, Adam and Helen Schlercher, Nancy Sydnor, Honey Anderson, and Amy Petre. We hope you will enjoy living in our community.

### Hurricane season is here once again

If you haven't trimmed your backyard trees, the time is now before a storm strikes. Remember to put limbs out Monday evening after 6pm for Tuesday pick up. If a contractor does the work he must dispose of the limbs. Check your hurricane kit. It should include: Flashlights and extra batteries, a battery operated clock and radio, toilet paper, insurance papers, prescriptions (2 week supply), wet wipes, antibiotic ointment, band aids and insect repellent. Your food supplies should include: 1 gallon of water per person per day (1 week supply) fill the bathtub with water for an extra supply, beverages canned or powered, canned foods, dried fruits, unsalted snacks, and don't forget pet food. These supplies are a must: manual can opener, paper plates, propane tanks for your grill, extra gasoline for the generator, and fill your car's gas tank and have extra cash on hand. You will also need a supply of garbage bags for clean up after a storm. Be a good citizen and help your neighbors prepare if they need help. Being prepared now can make life easier when a storm approaches.

### Presidents Message

Happy summer to everyone. I'm glad to report that life in our community is going well. Projects are continuing as planned. The roads have been completed and I must say the contractor did an outstanding job. In response to resident input, not all speed bumps were removed. Portions were removed to comply with requests from the fire department. As you can imagine, speed bumps reduce their ability to get to you quickly. Stop signs are being installed at intersections in order to reduce the number of "speedsters" traveling through the community. I'd like to remind everyone that we have children in the

community, as well as many residents who enjoy walking and riding bicycles. Keeping your speed as posted will help keep everyone safe. Please, please comply with the stop signs. (I've seen quite a few of you rolling through).

We are also going to post "No Fishing" signs in addition to the No Swimming signs at the ponds. Some residents are not aware that fishing and swimming are not allowed; again, for your health and safety. All the committees are working hard for the community. Perhaps you can thank a committee member you know for their dedication and hard work.

I wish everyone a safe and fun summer.

Trudy Van Knowe  
President/GOHOA

### Treasurers Report July 2010

At the end of the second quarter of the year, the Association remains in sound financial condition and operating within the 2010 budget. The Associations Operating Bank balance as of June 30<sup>th</sup> was \$156,507. The Associations Reserve Fund balance is \$650,675. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter we completed the sealing of the roads – thanks to John Scala and our Property Manager Walter Grover for doing such a great job in handling this project. We also completed a substantial amount of the replacement of pavers with new sidewalks. The sidewalk project also required the removal of several oak trees that were causing problems due to the growth of their root system and the installation of new replacement trees approved by the city of Palm Beach Gardens.

As of the end of June, the total of unpaid homeowner quarterly maintenance fees, legal costs and other misc. homeowner fees is \$76,582. The association will continue to pursue collecting all monies owed as the homes go through the foreclosure or short sale process. There are 17 homeowners who are either behind in payments, have filed for bankruptcy or are in the process of foreclosure. We have had positive results in working with some homeowners who were behind to bring them current with their Association Maintenance Fees. The Association has concluded the short sale of one of the two homes that we foreclosed on and in the process were able to recoup all past due maintenance fees, the costs incurred to maintain the house during our ownership and the legal expenses paid during the foreclosure process. A special thanks goes to Mary Farrell for all of her work in brokering the sale of the house for the association.

Create an Attitude of Gratitude by saying "thank you", stop complaining about your life, focus on what you have and not what you don't, be satisfied with the simple things and be mindful of the little things, and practice random acts of kindness. Your life will be happier with a very little effort if you live a life of gratitude!