



August 2024

Garden Whisper

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**Deadline for
submitting
Newsletter items
August 23, 2024**

*Anything turned in after
that will be included in the
next month's newsletter.*

**Please submit articles
directly to the Office by
flash drive or email to
info@fgmha.org**

Florence Gardens Board of Directors

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Board Meeting

Wednesday August 28th
10am in the Clubhouse
Executive Meeting to
follow Board Meeting

President's Letter

July is almost over – the monsoons have given us a lot of heat and wind, but very little rain. Let's hope there are better days coming in August.

We had another power outage last weekend due to some really high winds over at Coolidge. Hopefully, when we get everyone back this fall we can reactivate some of the emergency plans for providing a place to go for comfort when this happens. We're going to need volunteers to make this happen – not only for committees but also the Cert team. It's going to require some planning and along with it, probably funding in excess of \$15,000 which is the cap the Board can spend without approval of all the members.

So sign up, put your thinking caps on and let's work together to help one another.

We had some fun at the Clubhouse – the 4th of July celebration (on the 3rd) was well attended and food and music were enjoyed by all there. Last Saturday Doc Fletcher entertained us with old and new country along with some very good rock music from the 60s.

Cherylle Arends, FGMHA Board President



Volunteers are needed! With the season coming in a few months we're looking for volunteers! If you're wanting to volunteer some of your time with dinners, committees, or any Florence Gardens activity please stop by the office and fill out a volunteer form!

Activities Committee

August 13th @ 9:30am
In the Conference Room



Architectural Committee

Monday August 19th
@ 8:45 am in the
Conference Room



Building Operations Committee

No meetings during the
summer



Florence Gardens COMMITTEES

All members are invited to attend

Documents Committee

No Meetings in August
Next Meeting Sept 4th



Decorating Committee

No Meeting in August



Finance Committee

August 19th
@
10:00 am
in the Conference Room



Gardening & Landscaping Committee

No Meeting in August
Next Meeting Sept 6th



Kitchen Committee Meeting

No Meeting in August



Welcoming Committee

No Meetings in the summer



GW HICKMAN

\$10.00 Tickets

*In the office or
at the door*



Florence Gardens Clubhouse

Saturday, August 24th at 6pm

Come on out for a night of country and rock n' roll with

George Hickman! He does a variety of
music including dancing tunes, and some
line dancing music!

Any questions call Linda Rimmer 360-421-1146

Name Badges Required

BYOB Rules Apply



**PLEASE BE A
GOOD NEIGHBOR
CLEAN UP
AFTER YOUR DOG**

**Please pick up after
your dog—even small
dogs leave messes!**

**Dogs must be on a
leash when off your
property. If your dog
can't be trusted to stay
on your property, then
it must be on a leash.**

Thank you!

Non-Toxic Weed Killer Recipe

1. Pour 1 gallon of white vinegar into a bucket.
2. Add 2 cups of Epson salt.
3. Pour in 1/4 cup of Dawn dishwashing soap.
4. Blend all thoroughly and then funnel the weed killer into a plastic spray bottle.



Florence Monthly Food Bank



Summer hours - Last
Friday of month @ 7 AM



Florence Heritage Park
600 N Main St

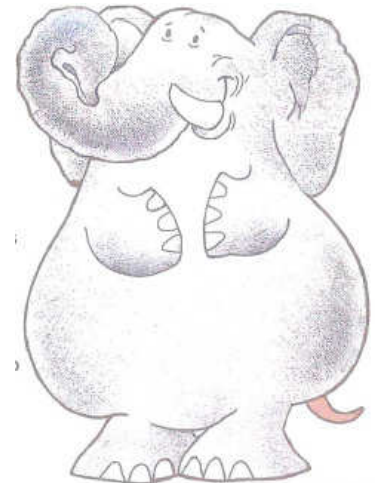


Please note that the Florence monthly food bank will move to summer hours in April (7 AM start time). Follow the Florence Lions Club on social media for distribution reminders.

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White Elephant Sale Committee



Greetings from the White Elephant Sale Committee.

As we enter some hot months, we are going to put White Elephant Sale pickups on hold for the months June, July, and August.

Since several of our volunteers have moved to cooler climates during the summer and aging and medical concerns are present, we thought it best to give some of the volunteers a break during these three months.

We will resume pickups in September.

We hope this will not inconvenience any of you.

Thank you all,
Bill Kohlerman

Please do not prop doors open at any of Florence Gardens common areas.



Summer Greetings from the Welcoming Committee!

The Welcoming Committee does not meet June through October, however, we have 3 to 4 members here throughout most of the summer. If you moved here during the recent last year and have not received a call or email from us, please let me know.

I will attempt to schedule a convenient time for you with a 2-person welcoming team and give you the opportunity to ask questions while checking out your Welcoming Packet!

Have a great summer.

Judy Parsons, Chair, Welcoming Committee

520-975-4120 Email: judydennisp@gmail.com

Needed ASAP. Chairperson(s) for Florence Gardens Arts and Crafts Show

(formally Florence Gardens Crafts and More).

Due to medical and personal reasons Diana Kohlerman and Susan Weaver are unable to continue as chairpersons for the Arts and Crafts Show. If you are interested in taking over, please contact:

Diana Kohlerman at 541-660-2808 or

Susan Weaver at 503-710-8371 ASAP



Name Badge

Members, renters, and guests are required to wear their name badges when using the clubhouse, other common areas, and at all group functions.

All persons using the pool area are required to have their FGMHA name badge or guest badge in their possession.

Blue badges indicate renters/residents. White badges indicate owners. If you have not registered, please come into the office, to register. Name badges can be purchased in the office.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The old men of Neighbors Helping Neighbors are still in business. Some new volunteers have arrived, and we hope to be providing service to the park for the foreseeable future. What we do is show up and perform unskilled assistance to neighbors who need to move a piece of furniture. We are not bonded, insured, certified, or compensated - but are happy to help, within the scope of our abilities. This said, we're not the crew you want if you're showing up with a moving van, or want to deal with something exceedingly heavy like a piano or large sleeper couch. If you have a big job that requires professional help, we recommend you take a look at Craig's List. Anyone looking for help is invited to call Mike Shevock(603)531-3320. Hopefully, your job doesn't have to be done immediately, as we need to schedule it when enough of us are not at the doctor's office or physical therapy. Also, in spite of numerous inquiries and requests, we have no plans of coming out with a Chippendale's style calendar with beefcake pictures of our star lifters. Should this change, there will be an announcement in the Garden Talk.

GILA RIVER

COMMUNITY CHAPEL

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE
FLORENCE CLUBHOUSE

SUNDAY'S AT 9:00 AM

STARTING APRIL 21ST 2024

We are a nondenominational church

Everyone is welcome



Morning Walk

Are you aware we have a walk exercise class 5 days a week in the annex?

Join us at 7:30am, meet new friends and walk where it's cool!

Carol Byars 701-367-0572



P.O.W. Chapel Bell

Brick Paver Project



Have a brick engraved with a name or message for \$50.00. You can have up to 3 lines with no more than 18 characters. Stop by the office to place your order or to obtain more details.

Checks are payable to Florence Gardens.

(We do reserve the right to refuse inappropriate words or messages on the brick orders.)

FLORENCE GARDENS
SATURDAY MORNING
**COFFEE
AND DONUTS**



We start at 7:00 am with announcements at 8:00 am.

Join us for Share A Dish
Wednesdays in the
Clubhouse
4pm to 6pm
BYOB Rules Apply



BINGO

7	20	35	47	72
12	16	42	42	61
1	19	★	60	74
5				68



**WANTED:
BINGO PLAYERS**

WHEN: FRIDAY NIGHTS

**WHERE: FLORENCE GARDENS
CLUBHOUSE**

**CARD SALES START AT 6:00 PM AND END
AT 6:55 PM. GAMES BEGIN AT 7:00 PM.**

**MUST BE 18 OR OVER TO PLAY AND NO
ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED.**

PLEASE NO BILLS OVER \$10.00.

Just a reminder:

Please remember to submit your forms to reserve common areas for your activities/events to the office for the upcoming season.




**MONDAYS In the CLUBHOUSE
from 4PM to 6PM**

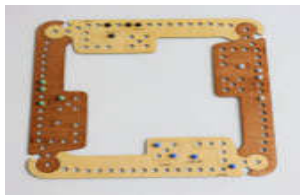
Please bring a snack to Share

*BYOB Rules: 40oz of beer, 750ml of wine or
4oz distilled spirits*



Thursdays at 12:45pm PM in the Annex

Have Questions? Please call
Sandy Burrow: 480-688-6732
Nancy Stanton: 206-979-7175
Or Karin Glovick 208-818-5590



Pegs & Jokers

Tues. @ 1pm at the Annex
Questions call Diane Clein
206-427-1262

Everyone Welcome



Cribbage

Florence Gardens Annex

Monday 6:30 PM Tuesday 12:30 PM

Florence Gardens BUNCO

Join us for BUNCO!

1st Monday of Every Month

Be there at 6:15pm,

play time starts at 6:30pm

Cost is \$6.00

Cash prizes!

Location is FG Clubhouse

If you would like to join us, call

Gaye Lewis

480-993-8757



Sign in 6:30 and play start 6:45 p m.

Questions call John Speers or Janet Gast @ 920-979-6283

Saturdays

November thru April



Game "65"

Wednesdays 1pm to 3:30pm
In the Annex

Have Questions?

Please call

Karin Glovick 208-818-5590

Or

Sandy Fahrenwald 520-444-8068



Come and join us, Thursday Nights at 6:30 PM in the Annex to play Wizard. This is a card game that is easy to learn.

Cost is \$.50

Everyone Is Welcome!

Contact Carol Byars @

701-367-0572 for more info.



Party Bridge @ Annex on Tuesdays at 12:30pm

This is a year round event

Contact Lori Peterson for more information (715)245-6633



Shanghai

Florence Gardens Annex

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 6:30 pm—9:00 pm

Year Round Event

Bring your quarters

For more information contact Donna Pete @ (253) 861-5658



Everyone Welcome!

WHEN: Monday - Friday

TIME: 7:30-8:00 AM

WHERE: Annex

For more information,
contact Carol Byars @
701-367-0572



Water Aerobics

Come join us!

Men and Women Welcome

Water Aerobics using Billie Jo's

"Wet and Wonderful" CD

When: Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri

Time: 10am to 11am

Where: Florence Gardens Lap Pool

For more information contact:

Marybeth Uran @ (715)222-9713

WATER EXERCISE

USING BARS AND WATER WEIGHTS

WHEN: Mon - Fri

TIME: 8:30 AM (Summer)

9:00 AM (Winter)

WHERE: Big Pool

Please Join Us!



For more info,
contact

**Bobbie
Schmisk**

520-709-2527

Swimmercise

Florence Gardens Main Pool

8:00am - 9:00am

Year Round Event

For more information

Contact

Donna Pete @ (253)861-5658



Churches In The Area



Central Community Church of God

596 W Vah Ki Inn Rd. Coolidge

Pastor Larry Rice

Sunday Service 10:00 am

Wednesday Service 7:00 pm

Florence First Assembly of God

South of the "Y", Florence 868-4221

Rev. Steve Williams

Sunday School 9:30 am / Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Evening Worship 6:30 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm

Calvary Chapel Coolidge

1920 W. Vah Ki Inn Rd., Coolidge, AZ 85132

Pastor Brad Jensen

Sunday Service 9:30 am

Prayer—Sundays @ 9:00 am

www.calvarycoolidgechurch.com

Union Baptist Church

640 E. 1st St. (at Phoenix St.),

Florence (also PO Box 2865) 868-4772

Pastor Donald Woolridge, 520-560-9159

Sunday School 10:30 am

Sunday Service 11:00 am

Florence Baptist Church

30 N. Willow, Florence 868-1728

Pastor Matthew & Edie Echols

Sunday School 9:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am

Sunday Evening Worship and Praise 6:00 pm

Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study 6:00 pm

www.florencebaptistchurch.com

Desert Hope Presbyterian Church

225 E Butte Ave., Florence 868-5834

Rev. John Johnson

Worship Services 10:00 am

Fellowship time to follow

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

(First Ward) Office Phone 868-4048

85 W Van Haren Ave., Florence, AZ 85132

(1st building just south of the Florence High School

Bishop: Preston Dees

First Counselor: Ben Cook 480-202-2180

Second Counselor: Cody Carpenter 520-251-1551

Sunday Sacrament Meeting 9:00 am

Sunday School and Primary Meeting 11:30 am

Mosaic Church of the Nazarene

5431 W Merrill Ranch Pkwy Florence Anthem

Pastor John Menkveld

Sunday Services 8:30 and 10:30am

mosaicnazarene.org

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Parish

221 E. 8th St., Florence (520)868-5940 Tues to Fri 9am to 2pm

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Tuesdays 5pm

Holy Day Mass - check with church for times

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

800 W. Vah Ki Inn Rd., Coolidge

723-3845 The Fr. Philip Stowell

Sunday School 9:00 am/ Church Services 10:00 am

Christ Lutheran Church

615 Vah Ki Inn Rd., Coolidge 723-7428

Pastor Mark Hoffman

Service at 9:00 am Sunday

Gila River Chapel Church

Services in Caliente Clubhouse

3543 N Caliente Blvd.

Begins: First Sunday in November 9:00 am

Spirit of Joy United Methodist Church

392 W. Roosevelt Ave., Coolidge 602-619-0233

Pastor Tracy Perry Sunday Services 9:30 am

First Southern Baptist Church of Florence

355 S Main Street, Florence 858-663-4439

Pastor Justin Warren

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am

Thursday Morning Hospitality @ 9am / Bible Study @ 930 am

Worship Service 10—11 am

Sunday Bible Study 9:45 am

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Pastor Mark Chase Phone (520)723-4220

Website www.christthevictor.net

Fairhaven Baptist Church

7886 E. Highway 287, Coolidge

Pastor Jeff Gatten 723-1837

Sunday School @ 10:00 am

Sunday Morning Service @ 11:00 am

Sunday Evening Service @ 5:30 pm

Wednesday Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

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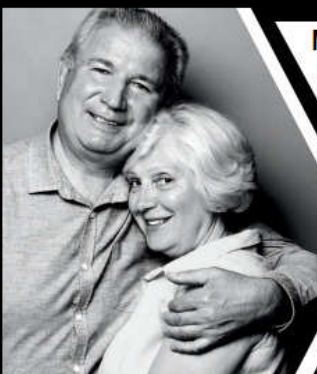
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Rating - FIVE STARS

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Rating - FIVE STARS

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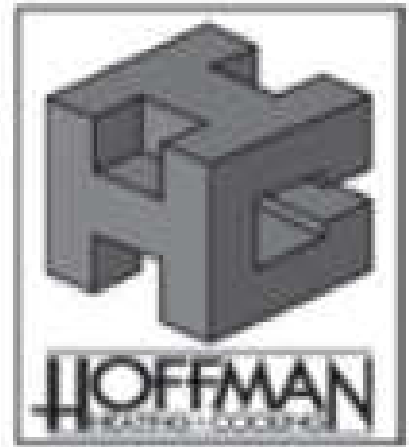
Rating - FIVE STARS

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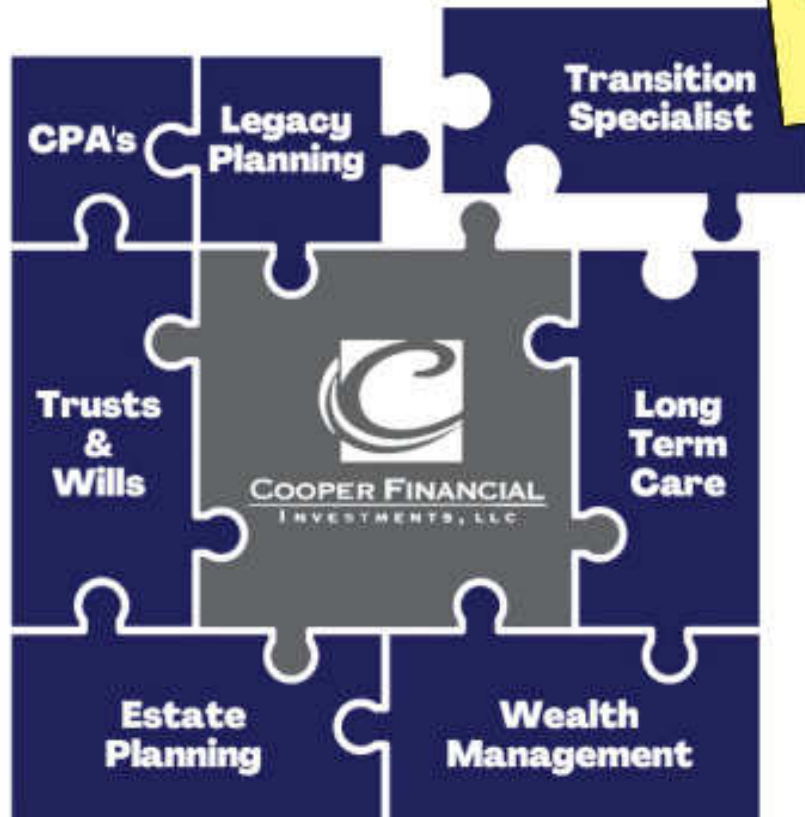
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\$65,000	\$6,500	\$32,500	\$13,000	\$100,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$337
\$75,000	\$7,500	\$37,500	\$15,000	\$100,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$364
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	SOLD	3802 N IOWA AVE	\$290,000	2 Lots with Large Garage, Beautiful Partially Furnished Home.
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	SOLD	808 E PENNSYLVANIA	\$214,000	Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with Arizona room. Very clean and furnished! Great back patio & yard!
	TOM	3733 N FLORENCE BLVD	\$274,900	3 bedrooms, 2 bath pnm golf course, beautifully remodeled, furnished.
	SALE PENDING	3706 N MICHIGAN AVE	\$299,900	3 bedroom, 2 bath brand new home, partially furnished, all appliances! Lots of upgrades! 2024 Model!
	SALE PENDING	801 E MCFARLAND BLVD	\$254,500	Gorgeous remodel, 2 bedrooms, 2baths - mostly furnished. New roof, new flooring.
	REDUCED	512 E PLAZA DEL SOL	\$158,900	Furnished park model- gorgeous, with Arizona room, New appliances.

 REDUCED	3731 N KANSAS AVE	\$228,000	3 bedrooms, 2 bath with Arizona Room. Great corner lot, lots of parking.
 NEW LISTING	812, 814, 816 E CALIFORNIA	\$49,500 EACH	3 lots at top of the hill, great views!
 NEW LISTING	3600 N NORTH DAKOTA AVE	\$44,500	Lot on corner, all utilities to the lot! Owner will carry loan.
 NEW LISTING	510 E PLAZA DEL SOL	\$78,900	Vacant lot with large shed with laundry and covered awning.
 NEW LISTING	3605 N NORTH DAKOTA AVE	\$297,500	3 bedroom 2 bath home with upgraded laminate floors, stainless appliances.
 NEW LISTING	3710 N WISCONSIN AVE	\$182,900	3 bedrooms, 2baths, remodeled. 2 large shops plus shed, furnished.
 NEW LISTING	3916 N COLORADO	\$59,900	1.5 Lots with views! All utilities to property. Room for home & small garage!
 NEW LISTING	501 E PUEBLO DEL SOL	\$138,900	Beautiful furnished park model. Upgraded!! Shed with washer & dryer & storage. Nice back patio.
 NEW LISTING	3805 N COLORADO	\$44,500	Lot with a view!! All utilities to property & ready for your home!!
 NEW LISTING	3726 N ILLINOIS AVE	\$218,900	Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath remodeled with screened in porch. New flooring, roof and more.
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Air Fryer Pizza is ready in less than
ten minutes and the pizza toppings
are completely up to you.

PREP TIME
3 mins

COOK TIME
7 mins

TOTAL TIME
10 mins

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Naan Bread I use Stonegate mini naan
- 3 tbsp Pizza Sauce
- 3 tbsp Shredded Pizza Cheese or shredded Mozzarella
- 4 slices Pepperoni

DIRECTIONS

1. Place the naan in an air fryer paper liner and then build your pizza.
2. Top the mini naan bread with the pizza sauce, most of the pizza cheese and pepperoni.
3. Sprinkle the remaining shredded cheese on top of the pepperoni.
4. Set the air fryer to 375 degrees F. Place the liner and pizza into the air fryer basket.
5. Air fry the pizza for 6 - 8 minutes, or until the cheese is completely melted and browned. Serve immediately.
6. You can top these pizzas with whatever your favorite toppings are!



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