



GAZETTE

Resident of the Quarter

We are pleased to announce **Louise Villano, Vice-chairperson: Landscaping Committee** is Garden Oaks' **Resident of the Quarter**. Louise has labored diligently in analyzing and implementing sidewalk repair and restoration, sod replacement, landscaping design, contract oversight and Common Area beautification. Her dedicated efforts provide our community with a fresh, park-like ambiance for residents, visitors and prospective homebuyers. In sum, Louise's hard work boosts the quality of life and our home values for all of us here in Garden Oaks.

Safety and the Security

Our guard company, Hi-Tek Security, is providing Garden Oaks with very good protection by preventing malevolent outsiders from passing through our gate. However, security of our home, car and person remains a personal responsibility.

Case in point. On June 22 of this year, Garden Oaks experienced its first house breaking and entering. The thief or thieves opened a rear bedroom window of a home on Royal Oaks Drive. The intruder stayed long enough to rifle through every drawer, cabinet, chest, filing cabinet, etc. and made off with jewelry and other valuable items capable of fitting into a backpack. The homeowners were away at the time of the burglary.

Crime-wise, since the founding of Garden Oaks, this community has been very lucky. Maybe it will

be another twenty-five years before a home burglary occurs again: more likely not. Even though we are receiving random evening cruiser patrols from both the Palm Beach Gardens Police and Hi-Tek Security, your best protection remains locked house, car and garage doors and windows.

Additionally, every house in Garden Oaks is wired for a home protection system. Since locks only keep the honest people honest, you may want to consider testing, up-grading or activating your alarm system. It is worth the few dollars for your piece of mind.

Mark Hargrove Selected Property Manager

We have a new PM. Mark Hargrove assumed the responsibility of Garden Oaks' Property Manager June 24. Mark received his Licensed Community Association Manager certification (LCAM) in 1991. The depth of his property management knowledge and experience made Mark an easy choice. We are very fortunate to have a manager of his caliber. While Mark is on property Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 to Noon, office hours are 9:00 to Noon. However, On Wednesdays, Mark is available in the afternoon, between the hours of 2:00 and 6:00PM.

Board Resignation:

Carol Weir resigned her from the Board of Directors July 19. Carol is to be credited for her dedication, hard work and willingness to serve our Garden Oaks community. At this time, the Board has yet to confirm the appointment of an interim Board Secretary.

A reminder from THE RULES WE LIVE BY:

NO STREET PARKING FROM 11:00PM – 6:00AM

YARD WASTE & GARBAGE MAY ONLY GO OUT AFTER 6:00PM ON MONDAYS FOR A TUESDAY PICK-UP. AT NO OTHER TIMES ARE LANDSCAPE TRIMMINGS OR GARBAGE TO BE PUT OUT.

LIKewise, ALL RECYCLE BINS & TRASE CONTAINERS MAY ONLY GO OUT AFTER 6:00PM ON THURSDAYS FOR PICK-UP ON FRIDAY.

An Important Reminder:

If you need bulk pick-up, call Waste Management to set a time and date – 561 547-4000. Be sure to tell them you live in Palm Beach Gardens.

Outside storage:

No extra roof tile, waste or recycle bins, basketball stands, gas cans, grilles or refuse of any type are allowed to be visible from the street. All these type items must be stored in your garage. This rule applies to all homes: no outside storage.

Windstorm Protection:

The Board of Directors voted to fund the installation of accordion shutters on all HOA structures. The installation took place made during July.

As hurricane season is upon us, this is a great time to check your windstorm preparedness. As a rule, Accordion-style shutters are taken for granted. We hardly ever think of them until we need to close them. These hinged shutters generally stay open and locked in one position for months even years without use. Aluminum oxidizes. When it does, shutter hinges can seize rendering the shutters inoperable. It is a good idea to open and close your shutters every six months and to apply aluminum lubricant to the hinges at that time.

For all Rules & Regulations and what to do when we are on a Hurricane Alert refer to the Garden Oaks “The Rules We Live By” and our website by signing into: www.gardenoakshoa.net

ACC:

Garden Oaks’ architectural requirements set the continuity standards that must be maintained by our HOA. As such, your Architectural Control Committee requires an “ACC Request Form” be submitted for all exterior work affecting the structural and landscaping of your property. This is particularly important if any excavation work is involved.

Before beginning any exterior work, call the office at 561 625-0311 to check out if you need to submit a form. ACC Requests usually receive a response within 48-hours. ACC Request Forms are available at the office, Guardhouse and on line at <http://www.gardenoakshoa.net>.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:

We would like to welcome the following new residents to Garden Oaks. Whether you enjoy tennis, swimming, walking, jogging, or biking, it’s a great way to meet your neighbors. It is our hope that you will enjoy everything our community has to offer. Welcome:

- Mr. & Mrs. Texiere
- Mr. & Mrs. Frechette
- Ms. Watson
- Mr. & Mrs. Cherico
- Mr. & Mrs. Spitz
- Mr. & Mrs. Connell
- Mr. & Mrs. McCampbell
- Ms. Gompers
- Mr. & Mrs. Nolan
- Mr. & Mrs. Carrington, and Ms. Morris