

September 2025 Issue >>>

The Gathering includes everything inside the gates, Clubhouse, Bocce & PB courts, Pool, Gyms, Patios. **LIMIT 4 GUESTS** per household
Speaker Series: on Dermatology 4th
Casino Night 13th (must have a ticket)
Pumkin Raffle 21st in the Garden



The Flora Park Village Newsletter

What's Happening in the Community...



Vice President
Philip Jen Kin



Member at Large
Ron Glassman

HOA BOARD



President
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**Minutes are
on the Website**

Property Manager Jerald Allen

Email: florapark@theprimeas.com

Hours: Monday thru Friday, 6:00am – 2:30pm

Office closed: Labor Day the 1st

Jerald can be reached after 2:30 via email, phone, or text. He will respond to you until 5:00 pm. **Drop-in hours:** 12 noon to 2:00 pm

Appointment hours: 8-11 am, scheduled on:

<https://www.floraparkhelpdesk.com/>

Emergency? Contact Prime at: 800-706-7838

Property Manager's Phone: (714) 710-5291

The Social Committee Speaker Series Presents

Thursday, September 4 at 4 o'clock in The Gathering



Let's Talk

DERMATOLOGY

Join us for an inspiring conversation with Dr. Kennedy, a local doctor as she talks about Skin Cancer Prevention and Anti-Aging Secrets.

Dr. Lina Kennedy, MD, FAAD
Grace Dermatology

There is a limit of 4 Guests per HOUSEHOLD in the Facilities. Pool Hours for Guests are Noon to 3 pm Tuesday thru Friday, all day Saturday & Sunday. **Zero on Monday.** NO ONE MAY SEND FAMILY OR FRIENDS TO THE GATHERING ALONE WITH A FOB.

Ovation at Flora Park Website



<https://www.floraparkhelpdesk.com/>

On the **HOME** page you will find tabs for the **Referral List & Marketplace** & **Safelist Vehicle & Helping Hands & Tech Team & Photos** of our Events.

The **NEWS** tab has **Jerald's Weekly Email** & the **Monthly Newsletter** + more.

You can book appointments with Jerald.

There is a link for FEEDBACK.

Submit photos, recipes, and announcements directly to **Diane Ortega 310-483-9005**
chilidreamer@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES AT FLORA PARK

COMMITTEES and their LEADERS To Join a Committee, Contact the Leader

Garden Committee -- -- -- -- -- contact Terri Allen (714) 514-4649
Landscape Review Committee -- contact Liz Breslauer (562) 761-7488
Pickleball Committee -- -- -- -- Co-Chairs Gary Fong (562) 533-2774, Sue Duits (714) 743-6118
Social Committee -- -- -- -- -- Diane Ortega (310) 483-9005 & Lanny Carpenter (562) 225-9014

CLUBS and their LEADERS To Join a Club, Contact the Leader

Book Club -- -- -- -- -- contact Linda Seplak 949-236-1566
Bridge Club -- -- -- -- -- contact Connie Price 562-596-6711
Knitters Club -- -- -- -- -- contact Patty Ramsdale 562-822-8938
Walking Club -- -- -- -- -- contact Linda Albertson 562-964-5399

GROUPS and their LEADERS To Join a Group, Contact the Leader

American Mahjong -- -- -- -- -- contact Mary Schewatz 818-519-4931
Art In Ovation -- -- -- -- -- contact Carol Hart 562-221-3045
Bocce Ball / Ladder Golf -- contact Barry Lakin 310 871 3408 or Jake & Judy 949-295-3778
Community Connection -- contact Ron Glassman, email brooklyn.ron1@verizon.net
Drop-in Chinese Mahjong -- contact Maria Cunningham 562-500-1693
Helping Hands -- -- -- -- -- contacts Jan Hextell 562-405-4600 & Sandy Chilleme 310-710-3548
Mandarin Spiritual Group -- contact Stanley Kao 714-914-5633
Men's Fellowship -- -- -- -- -- contact Steve Sollitt 562-244-1382 or Ken Grasmeyer 714-595-6970
Qigong Class -- -- -- -- -- contact Annette McNeil 908-229-1999
Senior Christian Fellowship - contact Jeanne Obert 310-569-4331
TaiChi Class -- -- -- -- -- contact Stanley Kao 714-914-5633
Tech Help Team -- -- -- -- -- email Michele Dow for IT help ovationtechhelpteam@gmail.com

Garden Committee September Report

As the summer season progressed, we noticed an increase in visitors to the garden. Many residents brought their adult kids and grandchildren to see what is growing and we love it! Some comments we heard: "I didn't know artichokes grew like that", "Oh, this is how broccoli is grown!", "As a city girl, I'm fascinated to see vegetables and fruits growing naturally here." We are so glad to see the community enjoying the garden!

What is growing: Boxes 17 & 18 - have bell peppers (different varieties) including one labeled as a "hot pepper dragon roll". But do not let the name scare you away; it's quite mild, flavorful and perfect in a stir-fry! Box 19 - has herbs growing (basil, cilantro, Italian parsley, sage). You are welcome to pick herbs and peppers in these three boxes.

Newly planted: zucchini, lettuce, corn, green beans, tomatoes, and spinach to name a few. These vegetables are coming along nicely but are too early to pick. In a few weeks, watch out for harvests that we will put in a basket on the picnic table in the garden.



A couple of weeks ago, our committee enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner (we have great cooks!) followed by a productive meeting. See the photo of our hard-working "garden tenders": Terri Allen (leader), Paul Cecil, Mary Koenig, Laurie Post, Jon Miasnik, Rick Wilson, Jan Hoekman, Grace Mayeda, Elaine Anthony, Orchid Dong, Yolie Miasnik, Gil Muramatsu, Jackie Fong (Camera Shy: Patty Ramsdale, Connie Price). Soon our group will be determining what vegetables we want to cultivate in the Fall and Winter seasons. See you soon in the garden!

Come celebrate
the Fall With us....



We are raffling off the garden pumpkins 1 by 1

Garden Pumpkin Patch Raffle

Our pumpkin patch is thriving this year...
and we want to share the harvest with you!

Date: Sunday, September 21, 2025
 Raffle Ticket Sales: 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Drawing 3:15pm
 Where: Flora Park Community Garden
 Tickets: \$1 each • 6 for \$5

Social Committee Report

Our 2025 Calendar of Events is below.

Please submit any "Speakers" ideas that may be interesting or educational to our community to one of the committee members: Patti Glonchak, Jan Hextell, Sandy Chilleme, Kris Mar, Jackie Fong, Melissa Foote, Jan Hoekman, Carol Hart, Evelyn Albert, Grace Mayeda & Joanne Watkinson. Diane Ortega & Lanny Carpenter, co-chairs



Social Committee Speaker Series

Let's Talk with Dr. Lina Kennedy, MD, FAAD
Dermatology See flyer front page
September 4 at 4:00 pm in The Gathering



Pickleball Committee Report

Every Saturday 9 am to 11 am >>>



No need to sign up. Come and play for 30 minutes or 2 hours. **SAVE THE DATE:** Our next tournament is **October 11th.** Sue Duits & Gary Fong Co-chairs

Landscape Committee Report



is always busy making our **KCLANDSCAPE** Flora Park Village look great. As a reminder, if you have concerns about the easement area in front of your homes maintained by the landscapers, please contact Jerald and he will forward your concerns to the Landscape Committee. (562) 761-7488
Drive slowly, enjoy the view. Liz Breslauer, Chair



Community Connection

Ron Glassman maintains The CC List which you can use to communicate with the Ovation Community.

Email: brooklyn.ron1@verizon.net

The Lists are on our website: floraparkhelpdesk.com/
Four emails to watch for: Grant Uehara - Market Place
Jerald Allen - Announcements Ron Glassman -
Community Connection Susan Kadomatsu - Referral List

Susan Kadomatsu maintains The Referral List of resident-recommended professionals for any of your household needs. Email for the list:

floraparkreferrals@gmail.com

Yvonne Butler maintains The Paint List which lists different paints used in our homes.

Email: polarbear12285@gmail.com

Grant Uehara maintains The Marketplace List which lists items you want to sell or give away. Email for the list:

grant.uehara@gmail.com

Social Committee Event Calendar 2025 (Subject to Change)

September 13th 6-9pm **\$\$ Casino Night**
October 18th **Beatles Night** 6-8 pm \$15 TBD **Pumpkin Decorating**
November 7th 9-1pm **Artisan Fair Crafts:** Resident made and sold
11th TBD Vet's Brunch to honor our Flora Park **Veterans**
12th 2-4pm Look What I Made **Fall Craft** with Grace Mayeda
December TBA **Caroling Parade** through the community
27th 6-8pm **Holiday Dinner:** A casual catered event for residents



Artisan Market & Fair

Calling all Artisans and "Creators"!

This event is scheduled for **November 7th**. We are looking for Artisans and Creators who are interested in: **Selling handcrafted items, Showcasing your talents, Sharing what you love to do with others.** See flyers from Jerald. Call Grace @ 562/619-1622 to have your hobby represented and reserve your spot.

The Emergency Preparedness Group

(Group not affiliated with the HOA)

Coming Soon! The next **ShakeOut** is on **September 25 at 7 pm** to prepare us how to react after a major disaster. In the past we have had ShakeOuts for individual areas during the morning daylight hours. This will be a community wide ShakeOut during the evening period. This would give the community the opportunity to practice what to do after a complete power failure at Ovation. During a disaster, The Emergency Preparedness Group will set up a Command Center with lights and first aid teams. They will communicate with the Area Supervisors with walkie talkies or a bullhorn. We look forward to your participation and a successful ShakeOut.

On behalf of the EPG Ron Glassman, Chair

Inspirational Moment:

"Surround yourself with positive people and you'll be a positive person." Kellie Pickler

CLUBS and GROUPS

Friday Nighters Potluck Dinner at 5 pm

Bring a main course, or a salad, or a dessert,
and something to drink.

You may bring a guest, no one under 21.

Host & Hostess: Russel & Janette Hoekman

Water Aerobics is back! It's SUMMER!



Oh Yeah! It's
FREE



Monday & Wednesday & Friday. The pool is heated to **82°**, perfect for active seniors. See you at **11:15 am.** Contact: Janette Hoekman (562) 884-9977

Mandarin Spiritual Group (MSG)

We meet at The Gathering on **Wednesdays**
At 10:30 am. Stanley Kao 714-914-5633



SPIRITUAL & FAITH-BASED GROUPS

Knitters Group We meet Tuesdays
at 10 am. Contact Patty Ramsdale



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The men meet every **Thursday** in the Clubhouse, 1-2 pm. We study one Bible chapter (or less) each week. Contacts: Ken Grasmeyer or Steve Sollitt



BOCCE Bocce Ball Group

Both men and women play at 10am
on **Tuesdays (new day) & Thursdays**

We have flat courts with new turf. Super fun!!!
See photos of the construction on our website, tab "Photo Gallery." <https://www.floraparkhelpdesk.com/>
Contact: Barry Lakin or Jake & Judy DeRuyter



Studio Exercise in the West Gym

Mon & Wed 9:30 am. **AND NEW: Friday 8:30 am**

We use YouTube videos designed for 60+ year-olds.
Bring a mat and light weights. **Leader: Michele Dow**



Ovation Helping Hands



If you would like to be a part of this amazing group; contact either Jan or Sandy. If you know of anyone here that needs assistance or has passed away, please contact us via the button on the home page of the Flora Park website.

Jan Hextell and Sandy Chilleme.

Art Innovation Group

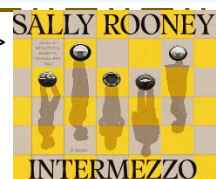


meets every Thursday from 10-12 at The Gathering. The focus is on water color or acrylic, but all media is welcome. We have lessons at least once a month and all levels are welcome and encouraged to join us. We often paint to music and laughter. Lots of support and enjoyment are shared. Come and relax while you explore your creativity.

Contact: Carol Hart carol.kohala@gmail.com

The Book Club Sep's Book >>

We meet the third Wednesday,
September 17, at 1:30 pm in The Clubhouse. Contact: Linda Seplak



Drop-in Chinese Mahjong Group

Tuesdays at 1 pm Contact Maria 562-500-1693



American Mahjong Group

Mondays 1-3 pm Clubhouse. Mary Schewatz



Ladder Golf Group

We are taking a break.



And we are moving to the Bocce Ball Courts.

Contact: Barry Lakin (see Activities List)

TaiChi Class Stanley Kao

Thursdays from 8 - 9 am on the Patio.



QiGong Annette McNeil

Fridays 9-10 am / Patio.

No class 5 & 12



Tech Help Team If you need help with your Smart Phone, Computer, iPad, email, internet, or Apps, send an email explaining your question to: ovationtechhelpteam@gmail.com



Senior Christian Fellowship

SCF begins September 9 and will meet on the 23rd as well. We will resume meeting at 6:30 pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of every month. **New members** are always welcome. **Snacks** at 6:30, ending at 8:30. We will be learning from an exciting new study of Louie Giglio's book, *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table*. Our new format begins with a **short video** by Pastor Giglio. Contact me if you'd like to attend so I can help you order a study guide. **Jeanne Obert 310-569-4331** or obert.jeanne@gmail.com



DON'T GIVE THE ENEMY A SEAT AT YOUR TABLE

LOUIE GIGLIO