

## February 2025 Issue >>>

### HOA INFORMATION

**Property Manager: New Office Hours**

**Social Committee has new members**

**LOOK WHAT I MADE Feb. 5**

**EPG ShakeOut Feb. 25**

**Ovation Helping Hands: New Leadership**



# The Flora Park Village Newsletter

What's Happening in the Community...

## HOA BOARD

**President: Janette Hoekman**

**Vice President: Dianna Sepulveda**

**Secretary: Mary Chen** Minutes of the HOA Meetings are on the Website <https://www.floraparkhelpdesk.com/>

**Treasurer: Mike McGarry** Member: Tom Damask

**"Meet the Candidate" night was on January 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**We have 4 Candidates running for 3 open Board**

**Member positions. The Candidates:**

**Ron Glassman**

**Philip R. Jen Kin**

**Stanley Kao**

**Kris Mar**

**You will be receiving your ballots soon. This is a cumulative voting election. The Member's Meeting is Thursday, March 27 at 4 pm.**

**New Gym Equipment:** The Board is considering new gym equipment changes but would like the resident's input on gym equipment you'd like to see in the gym. Please email, text, or come by the office if you have any recommendations or suggestions.

The cut off for recommendations is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, the Board is considering selling a few stationary bikes in the cycling room. More information to follow.

## 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](mailto:chilidreamer@gmail.com)



## Property Manager Jerald Allen

Email: [florapark@theprimeas.com](mailto:florapark@theprimeas.com)

**New!**  
**OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday thru Friday**

**6:00 am – 2:30 pm**

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/>

**The on-site office is closed February 10 and 17**

**If there is an emergency when Jerald is not in the office, please contact Prime at: 800-706-7838**

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

The Pool Heaters will be off until March. Repairs have begun on the bottom of the pool. The Spa will remain heated. Enjoy the **103°** water.



**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.**

**Please report infractions to Jerald.**

# 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  
Ovation Photo Club -- -- -- -- -- contact Philip Jen Kin 562-761-2434  
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](mailto:brooklyn.ron1@verizon.net)  
Drop-in Chinese Mahjong -- -- -- -- -- contact Maria Cunningham 562-500-1693  
**Helping Hands** -- -- -- -- -- **NEW 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](mailto:ovationtechhelpteam@gmail.com)

### **Maintenance Committee Report**

Over the **past five years**, this committee has worked with management to identify maintenance needs, schedule maintenance tasks, develop quality vendor and contract lists, fine-tune budgets, and assist with reserve analysis. **Since management has all the tools in place, the Maintenance Committee was dissolved at the last Board Meeting.**

Let's all work together to keep our community safe and beautiful! If you see anything that needs attention, please inform Jerald. If there is an after-hours common area emergency, please call 800-706-7838 as Prime Association Services offers a 24-7 after-hours answering service.

**Deanne Grasmeyer** Former Maintenance Committee Chair



### **Garden Committee Report**

**"Garden as though you will live forever" – William Kent**

Overcast and cool days in February are perfect for growing some of the best cool crop vegetables of the season – tender lettuces in Box #16, smaller brown and red onions in Box #6, cauliflower and sweet broccoli in Box #4.

When harvesting **broccoli and cauliflower**, make a clean cut through the stem a few inches below the head to encourage more florets to grow. The leaves are also edible and delicious. Check out the community wire basket on the garden table for lemons and other tasty stuff!

What's New – Did you get to enjoy some of the potatoes that were harvested in January from our black grow bags? We're trying it out again this season and hope to keep it multiplying. Our herb garden is due for an overhaul, but for now, we've utilized one of the raised beds to try some broccolini, and also planted a couple of peach trees.

THANK YOU for your support of the garden. We're trying new things, learning what grows well and planting for tomorrow!

**"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow" – Audrey Hepburn**

**See you in the garden --- Your Garden Tenders**



## Social Committee Report



The 2025 Social Committee is well underway planning activities for this year. We have additional members with new ideas and fresh perspectives on how we can accomplish some new and creative events.

**Watch for a calendar of events soon.**

We are looking for speakers/ideas that may be interesting or educational to the community. Please submit any ideas you have to one of the committee members below:

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

## Pickleball Committee Report

Court Sign-ups on Friday  
Open Play on Saturday 10 am

Our very own Deanne Grasmeyer, seamstress extraordinaire, replaced the old worn-out cushions. AND she found material that matched the pool cabanas! They look and feel good to the tush.



**Sue Duits &  
Gary Fong,  
Co-chairs**

## Community Connection



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

Email: [brooklyn.ron1@verizon.net](mailto:brooklyn.ron1@verizon.net)

**The Lists are on our website: [floraparkhelpdesk.com/](http://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](mailto:floraparkreferrals@gmail.com)


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

Email: [polarbear12285@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:grant.uehara@gmail.com)

## The Emergency Preparedness Group (EPG)

The EPG is highly active. The First Aid Team has been meeting to hone their skills. The Leadership Team has met with the AREA Supervisors to prepare for the next **ShakeOut**. Joseph Lao, Lorraine Burns, Dianna Sanches, Gary Kennedy, Kathy Rutt, and Mike Foote have volunteered to join the EPG. The next **ShakeOut** is on **February 25 at 10 am. It involves AREAS 4 & 5.**

See the  **MAP** indicating the AREA boundaries.

On behalf of the EPG Ron Glassman, Chair

**"Old age comes at a bad time" ... Ed Sullivan**



## Landscape Committee Report

Flora Park neighbors: Thank you all for looking after our community. And we are thankful for the rain that washed our plants and some of the dirt from our roads and sidewalks. The Landscape committee asks that when you see a water leak, please contact Jerald first. We need an address or location (example: behind the pickle ball court). After hours contact Prime's emergency number 800-706-7838. You may text me at 562-761-7488 with your concerns.



**Liz Breslauer, Landscape Chair**

*Ron Wildermuth pointed out the beautiful plant (right) In front of his house to the NL Editor after Pickleball on Wednesday. Corner Flora Park West & Flora Park South*

# 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: Russ & Janette Hoekman

## No Water Aerobics until March

Class resumes when the pool is heated.

We meet Monday & Wednesday.

Contact: Linda Wong



## Mandarin Spiritual Group (MSG)

We meet at The Gathering on **Wednesdays** from 11:00 am to 1 pm. Stanley Kao 714-914-5633



SPIRITUAL & FAITH-BASED GROUPS

## Studio Exercise In the West Gym

Mondays & Wednesdays 9:30 am. All residents are welcome. We use YouTube videos designed for 60+ year-olds. Bring a mat and light weights. Leader: Michele Dow



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

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



BOCCE

## Bocce Ball Group

Group Play for both men and women is

**Thursday** at 10 am. New **artificial turf** was recently installed on the courts. The balls roll faster now and truer. See photos of the construction on our website, tab "Photo Gallery."

<https://www.floraparkhelpdesk.com/>  
Barry Lakin or Jake & Judy DeRuyter



## Philip Jen Kin's Photo Club

Contact Philip by phone or email: [jenkindds@gmail.com](mailto:jenkindds@gmail.com)

**Event Photos:** <https://www.floraparkhelpdesk.com/>

**Creative Writing:** [vationcreativewriting.tumblr.com](http://vationcreativewriting.tumblr.com)

View posts and/or post your own thoughts on this site.



## 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](mailto:ovationtechhelpteam@gmail.com)



## Senior Christian Fellowship



We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Clubhouse.

We have just begun a new study on Proverbs and Parables. How do the parables that Jesus used in his ministry relate to the book of Proverbs in the Old Testament? Come enjoy a time of study, a light snack, and pray with your neighbors. Get Christian support. Contact Jeanne Obert [obert.jeanne@gmail.com](mailto:obert.jeanne@gmail.com).

Proverbs & Parables  
God's Wisdom for Living



## Ovation Helping Hands

The committee leadership has transitioned to **Jan Hextell** and **Sandy Chilleme**. If you are a court captain, friend or neighbor and know of anyone on your court(s) that need assistance or have passed away, please contact the Helping Hands group via the button on the home page of the Flora Park website or [ovationhelpinghands@gmail.com](mailto:ovationhelpinghands@gmail.com)



## Art In Ovation Group

Each Thursday we paint with watercolor or acrylic. 10-12 pm.

Contact: Carol Hart [carol.kohala@gmail.com](mailto:carol.kohala@gmail.com)



## The Book Club February's Book >>

We meet the third Wednesday, February 19 at 1:30 pm in The Clubhouse. Contact: Linda Seplak



## American Mahjong Group

Mondays 1-3 pm Clubhouse. Mary Schewatz



## Drop-in Chinese Mahjong Group

Tuesdays at 1 pm Contact Maria 562-500-1693



## Knitters Group

We meet Tuesdays at 10 am. Contact Patty Ramsdale



## Ladder Golf Group

We play on Tuesdays, 10 am in the Patio area. "Ladders" are set 15 feet apart, and Bolas are tossed to ladders. Contact: Barry Lakin (see above)



## TaiChi Class

Stanley Kao  
Thursdays from 8-9 am on the Patio.



## QiGong

Annette McNeil  
Fridays, 9-10 am on the Patio.

