

# GARDEN COVE GAZETTE

for the Residents of the Garden Cove Residence Association, Inc.

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## Summary of Summer

This summer was fairly quiet. On Memorial Day, twenty four residents enjoyed a dinner of chicken kabobs with all the fixings. Kathy Schuehler, Fran Koconis and Denise Day organized this event.

The Fourth of July was actually celebrated on July 6 when a group of residents went to the beach. They brought snacks as well as going out to eat. Denise Day and Fran Koconis drove a car down early that morning and put up chairs and umbrellas. Later that day the park participants took the trolley down to Fort Myers Beach. Even with a little rain, they were still able to enjoy the day as well as fantastic fireworks.

Labor Day was celebrated with a steak dinner accompanied by potato salad, spinach salad and corn on the cob. Vito cooked the steak and the corn on grills. After dinner, a dozen residents stayed and played cards until 11 o'clock! A wonderful end to the summer.

## BOARD NOTES

Our president, Nan Cote, is on a cruise in the Baltic Sea, but she sent along some important bits of information for this Gazette.

- \* Next Board Meeting will be October 24th, followed by a meeting in November to deal with the budget.
  - \* A new water fountain was installed over the summer
  - \* Letters were sent out to residents regarding weed problems
  - \* A new pool service was hired and they have been working well from all reports.
  - \* Annual inspections will be taking place in early January
  - \* Directory information should be updated and sent to Judy Huffstutter
- Nan wishes all residents well!  
Let's get ready for another "Sun in the Fun" year!



Carol B., Denise D., Denny F., Lucy B., Mary P. and Fran K. at Fort Myers Beach awaiting fireworks.



## 2013 Board of Directors

- Nan Cote - President
- Denise Day - Vice President
- Ginger Wolff - Secretary
- Mary-Fran Sawyer - Treasurer
- Larry Peterson - Grounds
- Tom Pretlow - Pool
- Mary Wilson - Clubhouse



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Vito P, Carl & Betty S., Florence K.



Carl S. and Mary H.



Betty S. and Florence K.

Carl and Betty Southward were given a wonderful farewell party on July 29th. They will be missed. Here is the address they can be reached at:  
4296 Tommy Armour  
Flint, MI 485061



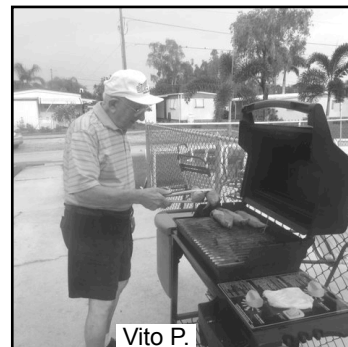
**Park Luncheon  
August 2013  
at  
Skip One Seafoods**



Sally Jo W. and Judy H.



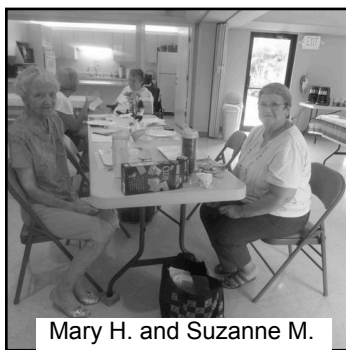
Carol B. and Denise D.



Vito P.



Denise D.



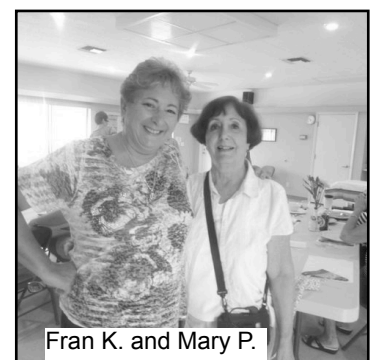
Mary H. and Suzanne M.



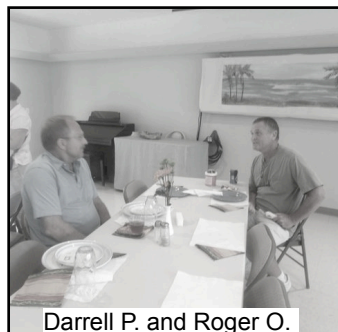
Alex K., Vito P. Alex's daughters



Nancy P. and Cindy P.



Fran K. and Mary P.



Darrell P. and Roger O.



Sally Jo W., Judy H., Carol B. Denise D.

**Labor Day Festivities  
2013**

Thank you, Terry P. for taking photos!

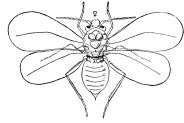


**Park Notes**



**White Fly Infestation**

Denise Day received word from Paul LaScola, this summer, that the white fly infestation was not under control and that treatment needed to be repeated.



Based on what was done in November 2012, Rich's Pest Management was contacted. The Association paid for the treatment (\$1430.00) and the individual unit owners, who had their property treated, were back charged.

This year, an email blast was sent out notifying park residents about the white fly infestation. A sign was also posted on the Park Bulletin Board.

**Att: Returning Snowbirds**



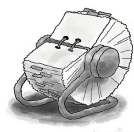
October is the month when many of our snowbird residents return to Garden Cove Park.

Please let BCH (239-274-6801) know that you have taken up residence back in the Park so they know where to send Park information.

**Directory Updates**

If you have any contact information that has changed since the 2013 Directory, please let Judy Huffstutter know. Also let her know if there were any errors in the directory.

If you are a new resident at Garden Cove Park, you need to sign a release form that will allow your contact information to be included in the 2014 Directory.



Please note, the Directory can be found on our website. It is in the Shareholder's Area which is password protected.

**Marilyn & Bella**

On Sunday, September 1st, Marilyn was walking her dog, Bella. Bella spotted an unfamiliar dog and she lunged, pulling Marilyn down. Marilyn was using a new leash on Bella and that didn't help matters. Several people came to her aid: Cymbelene Forbes, Carol Beaumont, Darrell Powell, and Susan Manor (Mary Hulback's daughter). Marilyn was helped back to her home. Cymbelene finished walking Bella and then brought her to the Hulback's so Marilyn wouldn't have to worry about her.



Alex and his 2 daughters

Later, after Mass, Alex Kolodziej's two daughters, Jan and Karen, came over to check on Marilyn. She was in good hands as one was a pharmacist and the other a nurse.

All is fine now, Marilyn is now using Bella's old leash and is first checking for other dogs before venturing out with her "feisty" Bella.

Thank you to all who came to Marilyn and Bella's rescue.

**Dear Allie Gator,**



I am a snowbird and cannot return to Garden Cove until January this year. I know that park residents have already received letters regarding their problematic weeds but I am still worried that by that time I get down to Garden Cove, my weeds will have gotten out of control. What should I do?

Signed, *Worried Weeder*

Dear Worried,

You are right to be worried. Weeds thrive in Florida, especially after a rainy summer. If you are not in the Park, contact one of your neighbors to see what you weed condition looks like. If the



weeds are a problem, contact your landscaper. For a minimal payment, they should be able to take care of the problem weeds. If you don't want to pay for weed removal, perhaps a kindly neighbor will volunteer. It is important to keep our park looking nice.

Signed, *Allie Gator*

**Happy Birthday!**  
**October**



Marilyn Kessler	5
Denny Fagan	11
Sherry Bickel	18
Terri McClure	18
Carolyn Holden	23

**Happy Anniversary!**  
**October**



Fred & Milly Pereira 12

**Wittenauer Update**



In the March Gazette, we said good bye to the Wittenauers. They sold their unit at 30 Red Poinciana. Previously, they owned 26 Garden Drive. Well, it looks like they haven't left, after all! Jack and Susan have purchased 13 Coves End Drive!. They might be the only park residents who can claim they have lived on all three streets! Welcome back!

Editor's Note: They have finally figured out that Coves End Drive is the best! (Editor lives at 17 Coves End)

**Mitch & Maggie**



This past May, Mitch & Maggie, the Blaauboer's two black pugs, passed. They had faced many medical issues in the past year and it became apparent that it was time to say goodbye. They are missed.



**A Message from Mary Pace Palazzo**

*A great big Thank you to family, friends, and neighbors who heard about my heart attack in August and responded with get well cards, e-card, home visits, food and phone calls. All of these warm gestures helped me recover quickly. I am particularly grateful to Lucy, Denny and Vito for looking after me at Health Park so that all I needed to do was concentrate on getting well and going home.*

*I am feeling great and resuming life in Paradise. Hope to see you all real soon.  
Love you all, Mary*

**Health Update**

This past January, Peter Blaauboer was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He chose to go to Jacksonville, Florida to receive proton therapy. For two months, Peter and Joanne lived in their tiny camper and drove to Shands Medical Center daily for Pete's treatments. At the beginning of his treatment, Pete's PSA was 11.13. He finished treatments in late April. This past July, his PSA was checked and it was 4.23! A wonderful indication that the proton therapy worked. Pete and Joanne will be arriving in Fort Myers earlier than usual this year as Peter needs to go to Jacksonville for his 6 month follow up. Hopefully his PSA numbers will continue to drop.



When patients finish their proton treatments, they ring chimes in the Shand's lobby. This photo shows Pete celebrating the end of his proton treatment!

Thank you to all who kept Peter in their prayers. We are truly fortunate to live in such a wonderful community!

**A Note from Rosemary Mutsch**



*Thanks so much for all the cards, prayers and Get Well wishes while I was in the hospital for two months.*

*I am home now and on the mend.*

*Hopefully, we will see you all this winter.*

*Thanks so much. Rosemary*



As it is early in the season, many park activities have not started up yet, so there will be no October Calendar. Below are some dates to remember. Be sure to check the Park Bulletin Board!

- \* October 17th - Park Luncheon probably at new restaurant - Tom Dick & Harry (K-Mart Plaza)
- \* October 24th - Board Meeting
- \* October 30th - Park Coffee at the Clubhouse

**October Park Activities**



### **Blain Address:**

If you would like to send Gail a card, her address is below:  
25 Knack Lane  
Cambridge, Ontario  
Canada N1R8P7

### **2013 Hurricane Season is Not Over Yet!**



According to Dan Kottlowski,

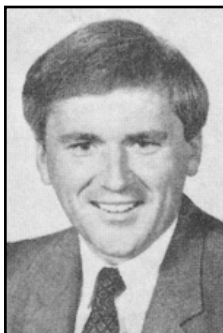
hurricane expert:

"The ingredients have been and are still there this season, but thus far the tropical atmosphere has been out of sync for hurricane development," Kottlowski said, "In order for there to be a large number of hurricanes and multiple major hurricanes, the atmosphere has to be running like a fine-tuned engine."

On average, there have been twice as many hurricanes during the three months of September, October and November, compared to June, July and August.

"We still expect additional hurricanes to form in the Atlantic this season and odds are a couple of these will become major hurricanes,"

**For park residents who are now back in Garden Cove Park, refer to Page 6 for things you can do to prepare, in case we have a hurricane.**



## In Memory of **David Lawrence Blain**

Celebrate with us the life of David Lawrence Blain, born in Barrie, Ontario, January 1, 1949. Passed away in Cambridge, Ontario, September 19, 2013; after a strong, courageous battle of

Melanoma Cancer. Survived by his best friend &

wife, Gail for 45 years. She will be his "Hon" forever. His cherished daughters Lori Ricketts, Kitchener, Ontario (friend Keith) and Tara (Ed) Hunt, Collingwood, Ontario. Special Poppa to Jacob Ricketts, Cadence & August Hunt. Predeceased by his parents Bud & Edna Blain, Barrie and so loved son-in-law of Blair & Inez Allen, Listowel. Also survived by brother Garry (Barb), Niagara-on-the-Lake and sister Susan (Gary) Exell, Port Elgin. Brother-in-law to Brian (Karen) Allen, Listowel, Bonnie (Philip) Nash, Kitchener, Joyce Biehn, Stratford, Joan (Lane) Ward, Hanover. Many special aunts and uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. David graduated from Stroud Public School, Barrie Central, Grade 13 at Barrie North, Wilfred Laurier University, and many courses at Syracuse University, NY, and Georgian College. David's working career started at (Lufkin) Cooper Tool Ltd, in the factory and worked up the corporate ladder in Barrie and Raleigh, NC for 25 years; and 10 years with Napoleon Grills. His special role models and bosses were his "DAD", Bob Hunter, Frank Tooke, and Owen Cliff. His first job was a paperboy with the Toronto Telegram, and summer jobs at GE in Barrie. He was a leader with Junior Achievement. He was an avid golfer and member of Barrie Country Club since Grade 9; and Wildwood Golf Course in Raleigh, NC. Many lifelong friends were enjoyed by him in our camping days, probably as a result of his boy scout days with his brother, Garry; his father, Bud, and Mr. Brady as their leaders. His 10 years of retirement were spent at Willow Beach Park, Lewiston, NY, and Fort Myers, Fla. David flew in the concord in 1980, with his boss Frank Tooke, from New York to

London, England and back. We traveled the world, often taking our special pets; Benjie, Boots, Socks, Journey, Penny & Alf. Loved ones, neighbours, old and new friends; near and far, Cambridge Legion pool buddies, and his golf buddies, are etched in his heart. He loved music and dancing; we met at a dance at WLU at Caesar's Palace, in Waterloo. David was an amazing man always striving to make things better for me and his family. The real "Dave Blain". He never gave up; we always had a daily "happy hour". Rest in Peace, Hon. Never forgotten and loved here; now his God makes a special place for him. Thanks to each and everyone of his medical team. In David's memory donations may be made to Sick Kids Hospital Melanoma Research & Princess Margaret Melanoma Research Fund and may be made at the Eaton Funeral Home.



**Garden Cove Book Club**

by Carolyn Holden



I don't know who will be back in December, but I do have a good book if anyone can find time to read before Christmas. The book was first given to me via an audio book. It was also recommended by Judy Racicot some time ago, so I am glad to share it with all of you. We will meet at the clubhouse on Wed. Dec. 19 at 2 p.m.

The title is ***Prayers for Sale*** by Sandra Dallas. This historical (depression) novel is set in a Colorado mining town high in the Rockies. Henny Comfort has lived in Middle Swan, Colorado most of her adult life. Her own story evolves as she relates episodes of her life to newcomer, 17 year old Nit Spindle, who is grieving. Nit came to her after seeing a sign on Hettie's fence that reads "Prayers for Sale". She wanted to buy a prayer for her stillborn baby. Henny didn't sell prayers but just said them for whoever needed one.

Nit is new to town and the two women eventually find comfort in one another over a cup of tea or while working on quilting pieces. Henny's story unfolds over many months as the two women develop a close friendship; the older woman providing help in many ways for the young bride new to a strange town. Both women love to quilt which Henny has done most of her 86 years. Over their quilting squares, they share stories, bits of advice, opinions, meet with other women of the town and sometimes grieve together.

You will be intrigued by the small hints Henny drops as her story unfolds until there are several mysteries to be solved by the end of the book. I thought it was very well written and I especially enjoyed the regional dialects as well as the in-depth characterizations of the people in the book. The weaving of Henny's stories is well done and jumping from one time period to another is cleverly achieved. I like an historical story and this is a good one.

**Thank You to Roger Owsley**

The park owes Roger Owsley a big thank you for all his help he gave this summer. He kept an eye on the pool and its filtration system. He made sure the lights and the air conditioner were turned off at the Clubhouse. It is comforting to know that when so many of the park residents are north, Roger has watched over the park. Thank You, Roger!



**Hurricane Tips  
Just Before the Storm**

1. Make sure shed doors are closed tightly; otherwise, they could end up blowing off their hinges and becoming dangerous projectiles.
2. Bring in flags and awnings.
3. Hurricane safety tips for your vehicle: don't park cars under trees (especially if you may be in the car when the storm strikes!).
4. Firmly stake tall garden plants that could snap in high winds.
5. Store lawn ornaments away, such as gazing balls. Not only is it a matter of saving the ornaments, but they can become dangerous projectiles in a storm!
6. Remove house ornaments that are not secure, such as fall wreath displays.



**Public Hurricane Shelters**

<p><b>Alico Arena</b> 12181 FGCU Lake Parkway East Fort Myers, FL 33965</p>	<p><b>Colonial Elementary</b> 3800 Schoolhouse Rd. East Fort Myers, FL 33916</p>
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**Gazette Deadline for November**



If you want an article in the next Gazette, please contact Joanne Blaauboer by October 28th. Thanks!

zuma95@gmail.com

**October Events Around Fort Myers**



- Taste Delicious Lee - Restaurant Week - October 11 - 20
- Pollo Tropical Pirate Fest - Fort Myers Beach - October 11-13
- **Cats** - Broadway Palm Dinner Theater - October 10 - November 23
- Chicago - Barbara Mann Theater - October 16
- Oktoberfest -German-American Club, Cape Coral- October 18-27
- Swamp Buggy Races - Florida Sports Park, Naples - October 26-27
- **Mamma Mia** - Barbara Mann Theater - October 26 & 27
- So You Think You Can Dance Tour- Barbara Mann Theater - October 29
- Halloween Ghost Train - Seminole Gulf Railway - October 30 & 31

