

The Flamingo Flyer

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of historic Flamingo Park

January/February
2025



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2025 board election

Nominations due Feb. 15

Per our 2009 bylaws update, alternate years bring either four or three seats up for election to the seven-member board.

For the 2025 term, three directors are completing the second year of their two-year stints: Susan Hill, Steve Large and Rick Reikenis, appointed after the 2024 board was seated and Barbara Litton subsequently resigned. If they wish to remain on the board, these directors must fill out the nomination form, as any new board hopeful must do.

Four directors will remain on, in the second year of their terms: John Alford (appointed to fill the remainder of Scott Goorland's term), Linda Cullen, Tanya Lewicki and Julie Mullen.

Since the Flamingo Flyer is delivered to all residences within FPNA boundaries, and mailed to nonresident members, this story

serves as the official 60-day notice of the election.

The nomination deadline is Feb. 15. The nomination form is in this Flyer (Page 11) and on the website.

The annual election meeting is the only membership meeting required by the bylaws. At the March 27 meeting, votes will be opened and counted or, if the election is not contested, there will be a vote to accept the new board slate.

Meanwhile, here is the timeline:

- 60-day notice of election — Sunday, Jan 26
- 40-day deadline for nominations — 4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15
- 20-day notice if there is a contested slate — Friday, March 7

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President's column

Looking back on a year of activity, accomplishment

The year just gone by was quite the whirlwind!

The Dec. 8 Holiday Historic Home Tour was a resounding success. Exit polls indicate our guests had a wonderful time, the food was good, drink plentiful and, most importantly, the houses on the tour were delightful. A thousand thanks to the hosts who opened up their homes this year. We sold 537 tickets and are estimating a net income of around \$30,000.

This money will be pumped right back into the neighborhood, ensuring ongoing projects continue to be funded.

A few examples: Last year we engaged a tree service to trim the trees on Georgia Avenue; electricity was installed in the entrance islands and two of the circles on Georgia; islands were decorated for the holidays; and social hours and annual block party were held.

Our tree canopy is an important amenity in Flamingo Park. We want to ensure it is well-tended and protected from potential storm damage. We'll probably look at having trees trimmed and thinned out along Lake Avenue this year.

We are now planning the block party, to take place on Feb. 1 (see Page 3). The venue will be Howard Park. We will send out email blasts as further plans

See President, Page 10

Sign up for (or shop) our sale!

The 21st Flamingo Park Yard Sale Extravaganza is nearly upon us —but there's still time to sign up!

Since November 2010, neighborhood-wide sales were held once or twice a year and advertised to the public.

In 2016, the sale was pegged annually to the Saturday of Presidents Day weekend — Feb. 15 this year.

If you are new to the neighborhood, the deal is this: First, you rummage through closets, bureaus, attic and garage to come up with goods to sell in your own yard/driveway. When you have enough, sign up with me (vmp735@mac.com) because we like 15-20 residents to sign up for the event to be

worth the work. Deadline is Jan.30.

Once we're booked, it's marketed via the *Palm Beach Post* and Craigslist — though garage sale apps "harvest" the online ads from those sources, extending our reach.

People come from as far as Boca Raton, Wellington and Jupiter to our sales — and our neighborhood. One visitor told me that she knew

Flamingo Park had a Presidents Day weekend yard sale and did not like to miss it!

I thank my fellow volunteers who put out signs over the years — and will call upon you again soon.

— Victoria Preuss, sale coordinator



Tanya Lewicki

House of the Month



Since 1990, the Flamingo Park Neighborhood Association has awarded the avian icon (mostly) monthly. It comes with a heaping helping of FPNA's appreciation for ongoing maintenance of "curb appeal," or for the recent rejuvenation of a home's outside appearance.

Winners receive a \$25 gift certificate from **Serenity Garden Tea House**. Current winners are:

January: 720 Ardmore — Randal Engelmann and Erik Gould

February: 830 Biscayne — Rick and Carolyn Reikenis

If you have a neighbor you would like to nominate, email cullen@digital.net.

Kick off 2025 with first social hour

Our 2024 social calendar ended with a mighty fine home tour but no socials in November or December, by tradition.

Jan. 31 will see neighbors at the Sunset Road home of Lois and Raphael Clemente, while on Feb. 28, Pryor Fine Art, 501 Palm St. will host.

FPNA social hours provide a casual setting for neighbors, both new and longtime residents, to gather for chat and refreshments.

Social hours are free to paid members and \$5 for each guest.

Parents bringing their offspring are reminded to keep a *close* eye on them: There may be stairs or a pool, and *definitely* adult beverages.

Social hours are the last Friday of the month, January through October, in a resident's yard. Hosts receive a stipend to offset the cost of refreshments.

Linda Cullen keeps a running list of possible hosts. To get dibs on your favorite month going forward this year, email Linda at cullen@digital.net.



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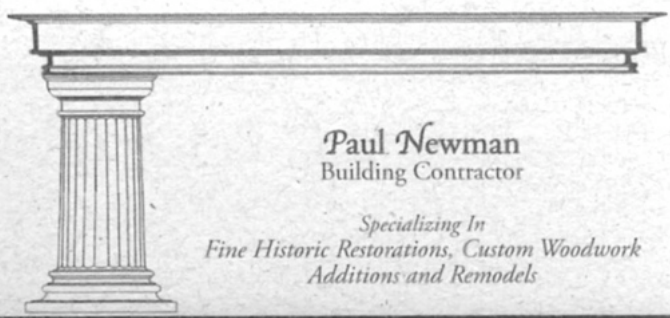
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Membership time, neighbors!

About the time that you are reading this January/February *Flamingo Flyer* delivered to your door, there will be an FPNA letter in your mailbox – yes, it's membership (join or renew) time.

While there are the usual choices for paying detailed in the letter, you can use your New Year's resolution right away and walk your form and payment over to 828 Biscayne Drive and slide it through the mail slot in the bottom of the pink door.

There! That's accomplished and you got more steps today!

Why are your membership dues important? I'll give you a couple (there are plenty detailed in the letter you receive).

You've by now noticed the new entry island at Lake Avenue and Belvedere Road, right? The

city built the island curbing, but FPNA funds went to the construction of the monument and its painting, lettering and lighting – plus installation of electrical outlets so that we can light up festive holiday and event decorations.

We also paid to have electrical outlets added to the entry island at the fire station, the two traffic circles on Georgia Avenue, and at our monument on Georgia near Belvedere.

Also, for the past three years FPNA has spent about \$11,000 annually to have hardwood trees professionally trimmed – both for the trees' health and for our enjoyment of a beautiful canopy.

Membership means a lot!

— Linda Cullen,
membership chair

Annual block party is coming

The annual Flamingo Park Neighborhood Block Party will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1, 5-8 p.m., at the Howard Park Recreation Center Pavilion.

There will be music, food, drinks and the company of other "flaminguettes."

For you who are new to the neighborhood, be prepared to have fun!

The block party is free for members and \$5 for guests. You

can pay your dues that day if you wish (check or cash only).

If you would like to help – running for supplies, setup, etc – please text Susan Hill at 561-301-0038 or email sm10931@bellsouth.net. (Please put block party in the subject line).

Can't wait to see you there!

— Susan Hill,
party planner

Mailed Flyers coming to an end

For years, I have been mailing our *Flamingo Flyer* to paid members who aren't local, or split their time between here and another home. That effort is not only time-consuming but has postage costs as well.

This January/February *Flyer* is the last issue that will be mailed. We'd like you to take note that each time a *Flyer* is

published, it is available to read online (FlamingoPark.org). If you will tell me (cullen@digital.net) that you *really do* want to continue getting a paper copy, I will continue to mail it. Otherwise, this issue is the last that will be mailed. Ah, the wonderful digital age!

— Linda Cullen



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Winners light up the night

Boy, we asked for you to decorate and decorate you did.

The three fine judges for our contest this year were Leah Rockwell, director of Parks and Recreation for the city; WPB City Commissioner Christina Lambert's assistant Nathan Poselli; and the previous longtime neighborhood services coordinator for the city, Jose Tagle.

But, there were so many picks from our judges that there was no clear answer. What to do?

The board took all the entries the judges gave us and did our own judging.

And, even then, we had a four-way tie for awards of merit, so FPNA will spend an additional \$100 this year. Also,

Kanuga seems to be a hotbed of decorating talent!

The wonderful decorator winners this year are:

Most creative — 723 Claremore, Pat Fadness

Most traditional — 2001 Lake Ave., Scott and Laura Goorland

Most tropical — 701 Kanuga, Alexander Forbes

Brightest — 745 Kanuga, William Waters

Four awards of merit — 720 Ardmore, Erik Gould and Randal Engelmann; 738 Kanuga, Walter and Tami Umminger; 740 Kanuga, Eammon and Averil Ryan; 810 Kanuga, Ken and Jessica Walters.

— Linda Cullen

Flamingo Park residents sought for neighborhood survey

Responses will be collected through January for an academic look at historic neighborhoods and resident engagement therein: "Preserving the Present: Exploring Resident Engagement in Preservation, Community Character and Urban Development in the Historic Neighborhoods of West Palm Beach."

That mouthful of a title represents a study to gain insight into residents' connection to their community's character and thoughts on preservation.

Flamingo Park residents were sought out by Aislinn Cruz of Florida Atlantic, who has a bachelor's degree in urban design.

A couple reasons to participate are:

- You can help researchers highlight the qualities of your (our!) neighborhood and what you as a resident enjoy most.
- The data collected will



allow researchers to gain a better understanding of your (our!) neighborhood's most important historic locations and locals' favorite areas.

The requirements to participate are two: Be 18 years or older, and reside in one of the historic neighborhoods of West Palm Beach. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/wpb-historic-home-survey> or use the adjacent QR code to participate.



For more information, email Aislinn Cruz at aislinncruz2020@fau.edu; or Maria Fadiman, mfadiman@fau.edu.

Pet photos welcome!

The FPNA website (flamingopark.org) revamp features an adorable "Flamingo Park Pets" page and we want your furry friends photos! Email one photo per pet to julie@thebuzzagency.net. Just need your name and your pet's name and if you'd like to include your address, do so.

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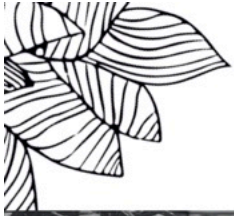
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FPNA shares news of nearby nonprofit organizations.
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Shake up your wardrobe!

Why is it important to think more sustainably about your wardrobe?

- The average American discards 81.5 pounds of clothing annually — 2,150 items per second — totaling more than 34 billion pounds of textile waste each year.
- The textile industry generates over 92 million tons of waste yearly.
- “Fast fashion” brands are producing twice the amount of clothing today than in 2000.

REfashion Weekend at our neighbor Resource Depot gives you a chance to slow down the fast fashion cycle by “making fashion circular.”

The educational/ environmental nonprofit at 2508 Florida Ave. is accepting refashion weekend donations until Feb. 15.

See the graphic below for details about what is accepted, then go through your closets and dressers for items to donate.

The first-dibs VIP shopping experience is on Friday, Feb. 28, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

A \$75 ticket gets you:

- First access to a handpicked selection of pre-

loved women’s fashion, curated just for savvy shoppers like you!

- Bubbly and light bites
- A complimentary bag for the Fill-A-Bag section — an amazing opportunity to refresh your wardrobe sustainably.
- One raffle ticket for a chance to win a bundle of designer handbags in a Friday-only raffle.

Saturday, March 1, features the “Fashion Frenzy” from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Shop racks and stacks of sustainable, secondhand fashion. Explore a treasure trove of gently used women’s clothing, shoes and accessories, while grooving to live DJ entertainment and scoring surprise deals throughout the event.

Shop two floors of fashion finds, with individually priced designer boutique items on the first level and the “fill-a-bag” section upstairs.

The \$35 ticket includes your first “fill-a-bag” — and Resource Depot provides the bag, which you get to keep.

Go to resourcedepot.org/refashion-weekend for info and tickets.

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ACCESSORIES

- Shoes
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PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR ITEMS ARE:

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Enjoy music and mindfulness

In "Golden Sounds," pianist Miki Sawada returns to the Norton Museum of Art with her husband, Kristopher Tong, violinist of the Borromeo Quartet.

On Sunday, Jan. 12, 3-4:30 p.m., they will perform three expressive works, ranging from the fiery and nostalgic moods of Edward Elgar's *Sonata*; to Robert Honstein's lively and introspective reflections on the urban parks of Frederick Law Olmstead; and, written toward the end of his life in 1826, Franz Schubert's *Rondo in B Minor* is a virtuoso vehicle for both instruments, full of drama,

charm and joy.

Cost to members is \$15, or \$35 for nonmembers which includes museum admission. Online registration is required.

Check out "Mindful Moments" on Jan. 27, noon to 1 p.m. for practice using a work of art as the object of attention. Discover the art of slowing down and becoming aware of the present moment using art as a tool of focus.

Space is limited and online registration required. Free to members; nonmember pay museum admission.

Visit Norton.org for a full calendar of events and exhibits.

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Check out market's 30th season offerings

The West Palm Beach GreenMarket's 30th season is underway, open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday (except March 22) from October to April.

The waterfront greenmarket at 100 N. Clematis St. is "Seasoned to Perfection" and routinely ranks as one of the best farmers markets in the country. With more than 130 vendors, the 2025 season is the largest in its history.

Join locals and visitors at this farmers market featuring seasonal produce, unique offerings, live music, and pop-up workshops (www.wpb.org/Residents/Community-Events/Events/WPB-GreenMarket/Special-Events).

Don't miss the popular master chef showcase competition, where local chefs and vendors compete for the WPB GreenMarket Master Chef

title. Purchase tickets to sample the dishes, and stay updated on the Master Chef showcase page (www.wpb.org/Residents/Community-Events/Events/WPB-GreenMarket/GreenMarket-Master-Chef-Showcase).

For more information call 561-822-1515. To receive emails about upcoming events, email events@wpb.org with "Events Eblast" in the subject line and you'll always be in-the-know.

During market hours, parking is free at the City Center Garage (401 Banyan Blvd.), Clematis Street Garage (500 Banyan Blvd.), and Sapodilla City Garage (640 Clematis St.)

The Banyan Garage (200 Banyan Blvd.) and Evernia Garage (333 Evernia Street) are closest to the event, and are subject to the city's all-day weekend flat rate of \$5.

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President, from Page 1

solidify for this festive annual event.

Flamingo Park puts on garden tours every other year, so our next will be in the spring of 2026. This gives all of you gardeners a year to bring your gardens up to "show-off" quality. As an aside, many of our home tour visitors were first-timers who mentioned how they would love to see the gardens in daylight.

On a less-positive matter, a number of our neighbors have been cited by Code Enforcement for non-approved

plantings in the city-owned parkways (commonly, though incorrectly, called swales).

Flamingo Park Neighborhood Association is engaged with city administration regarding this matter, and we will keep you informed. As you can probably appreciate, this is a complicated issue and things are moving slowly.

All in all, 2024 was an action-packed year and we look forward to what 2025 brings.

— Tanya Lewicki

Election, from Page 1

• Annual election meeting — Thursday, March 27

While the association board works on behalf of all of us, many readers might not realize that, for election purposes, Flamingo Park has three districts. (They are described below.)

With each annual election, whether three or four seats are open, the board has to ensure that all three districts maintain a board representative.

The board makeup is:

District 1: Julie Mullen and Steve Large

District 2: John Alford, Linda Cullen and Rick Reikenis

District 3: Susan Hill and Tanya Lewicki.

Whenever a vacancy occurs, if it leaves a district unrepresented, an election or appointment must zero in on that area. One more reason, among many, that it's important to have many people involved!

The three districts of Flamingo Park

For board representation purposes, the districts are:

No. 1 (North)

- all of Park Avenue, south side;
- all of Kanuga;
- all of the north side of Flamingo;
- and the south side of Flamingo east of the FEC railroad tracks.

No. 2 (Central)

- the south side of Flamingo from Parker to the FEC; all of Biscayne;
- the 800 block of Claremore, north side;

- Claremore, both sides, in the 700, 600, 500 and 400 blocks;
- the north side of Ardmore in the 700 block.

No. 3 (South)

- the 800 block of Ardmore, north side; the 800 block of Claremore, south side;
- the south side of Ardmore in the 700 and 800 blocks;
- the 700 and 800 blocks of Upland, Sunset and Avon.

* Addresses on Lake, Georgia and Florida fall within the relevant street boundaries.

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2025 Flamingo Park Neighborhood Association election nomination form

Nomination form for FPNA board of directors election on Thursday, March 27, 2025

- *Directors must be full (voting) members in good standing, over the age of 18, residing in Flamingo Park.*
- *Form must be completed, signed, dated and mailed to FPNA, P.O. Box 1112, West Palm Beach, FL 33402, and received by **4 p.m.**, Saturday, **Feb. 15**.*
- *The election will take place at FPNA's 2025 annual meeting on **March 27, at 6:30 p.m.** in the community room at the Howard Park recreation center.*
- *If you have questions, text/call Linda Cullen, 561-758-5227.*

I nominate myself for election to a two-year term in the **March 27, 2025**, board of directors election. I certify that I am a paid member of the Flamingo Park Neighborhood Association in good standing, over the age of 18 and a deeded property owner, residing in the Flamingo Park neighborhood.

Printed Name:

Address:

Phone:

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Dated:

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Informational Questionnaire
to be shared with voters before election

Name:

How long have you lived in Flamingo Park?

What projects/events have you helped with and/or participated in?

If you are elected to the board, what particular area(s) would you personally like to concentrate on and commit time to?

Have you served on other boards of directors?

Why did you decide to run this year?

2025 Flamingo Park Neighborhood Association Membership Form

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Check areas in which you would like to volunteer:

- Social Hour host
- Advertising sales
- Block Party
- Events/tours
- Environmental:
 - Cleanups
 - Plantings

(We won't share it and we won't bombard you!)

- \$50 per household for deed-holders / Full [voting] Membership
 - \$35 for non-deed-holders / Associate [non-voting] Membership
 - \$20 Associate Members **additional** to list in *Flamingo Flyer* Business Directory
- NOTE: There is no extra charge for Voting Members to list in our Business Directory.
- \$ _____ extra for tax-deductible donation
- FPNA operates primarily on membership funds and events income.

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Datebook

2025

- Wednesday, Jan. 1 — New Year's Day
- Monday, Jan. 20 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Friday, Jan. 31 — Social hour; story, Page 2
- Saturday, Feb. 1 — Block party; story, Page 3
- Saturday, Feb. 15 — FPNA nominations deadline; story, Page 1
- Saturday, Feb. 15 — Yard Sale Extravaganza; story, Page 1
- Monday, Feb. 17 — Presidents Day holiday
- Friday, Feb. 28 — Social hour; story, Page 2
- Thursday, March 27 — Election/annual meeting; story, Page 1

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Mayor Keith James — 561-822-1400
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Charlotte Wright, crwright@wpb.org
561-822-1412
City Service Hotline: 561-822-2222
Dist. 5 Commissioner Christina Lambert:
561-822-1390

Code compliance

Todd Underwood — 561-822-1480
(The FPNA board encourages residents to speak with the offending neighbor or with a board member before reporting a code violation, but this is not required.)

Garbage and yard waste:

Carlos Maldonado — 561-494-1058

Street maintenance (including pot-holes), street lighting and traffic maintenance, including signage

Customer service: 561-822-2085

All Emergencies, dial 911

Police Department non-emergency:
561-822-1900
House Watch program — 561-822-1634
Fire Department non-emergency
561-804-4700

The Community Oriented Police

Officer Seth Buxton
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Public Works

Main number, 561-822-2060

Right of way permits:

Spencer Graham — 561-494-1014

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Public Utilities 561-494-1046

Palm Beach County
Animal Care and Control

Main number — 561-233-1200

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